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PREFACE.

IN the year 1868 the General Synod appointed a Committee "to revise our Liturgy, so that it may more fully meet the wants of the Church."

This Committee consisted of E. S. Porter, D.D., M. S. Hutton, D.D., J. B. Thompson, D.D., T. C. Strong, D.D., and the Rev. W. R. Duryee, and the Elders F. T. Frelinghuysen and J. B. Jewett.

In 1870 the Rev. Dr. Porter was released at his own request from the Committee, which was then increased by the addition of J. Elmendorf, D.D., and A. R. Thompson, D.D., and the Elder R. H. Pruyn.

At the meeting of the General Synod, in 1873, this Committee reported the Revision which they had made.

The Report was accepted, but further action was postponed until the following year, that the proposed Liturgy might be printed and submitted to the churches for their inspection.

In 1874 the General Synod "approved of so much of the Revised Liturgy as is not inconsistent with, or forbidden by, the Constitution," and gave permission to use the same, "not sanctioning any change in the Baptismal Form, or the Form for the Administration of the Lord's Supper."

In 1875 this action was reconsidered, on the ground that the Liturgy was a part of the Constitution, and could not be altered by a resolution of the General Synod, but only in accordance with the prescribed constitutional methods, after submitting the proposed changes to the several Classes for their approval.

In 1876, two-thirds of the Classes having approved the

revised Form for the Confirmation of Marriage, the General Synod declared the same to be adopted.

In 1878, two-thirds of the Classes having signified their approval of the Forms for the Public Reception into Full Communion of those who have been baptized in Infancy, the Installation of a Minister, the Laying of a Corner Stone, the Dedication of a House of Worship, the Burial of the Dead, and Prayers for Special Occasions, not hitherto forming a part of the Liturgy, the same were ordered to "be printed in connection with our Standards, not as authoritative and imperative Formulas, but as specimens, embodying the sense of the Church in reference to the most edifying mode of rendering these services."

The remaining Forms and the Order of Worship have long been a part of the Constitution of the Reformed Church, having been translated from the Liturgy of the Church of Holland, by the Rev. Dr. Livingston, in the latter part of the last century.

The use of the Forms for the Administration of the Sacraments, for Ordination, and for Discipline, and the observance of the Order of Worship, are obligatory. (*See Constitution,* II., 11; X., 1, 2, 4; XIII., 11, 13.)

With these exceptions, this Liturgy is not of binding authority, but it is set forth as a general expression of the manner in which the Public Worship of God should be conducted, and, in the words of the late Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, D.D., the chairman of the Committee through whose labors the Revised Liturgy was first prepared and presented to the Church, "with the hope that it will so commend itself to the piety and wisdom of the Church, that its increasing use will place us before the world in our true historic position as a spiritual *Liturgical and Reformed Church.*"

NEW YORK, 1882.

I.

Order of Scripture Lessons.

HISTORICAL NOTE.

The Synod of Dort, A. D. 1618, in its Rules of Church Government [which "were recognized and expressly adopted" by the Reformed Dutch Church in America, in Convention, New York, October, A. D. 1771], decreed as follows:

"Art. 67.—Besides the Sabbath day, the Churches shall likewise observe Christmas, Easter, and Whitsuntide, with the day succeeding each; and whereas, in most of the cities and provinces of the Netherlands, it is, moreover, customary to observe the day of the Circumcision and Ascension of our Lord, the Ministers, where such practice has not been adopted, shall endeavor to prevail with the civil authority to establish a conformity with the other Churches."

This article bears witness to the ancient usage of our Church. The evident design of that usage was to bring into devout remembrance, year by year, the vital facts of the Advent, Death, and Resurrection of Our Blessed Lord, and of the Mission of the Holy Comforter. Thereto this Order of Scripture Lessons is adjusted, with the hope that if any, in the exercise of Christian liberty, shall use it, such use may be found to edification.

I.

SEASON OF THE ADVENT OF OUR LORD.

(CHRISTMAS.)

The Order of Lessons for the Christmas Season begins with the fourth Sunday before Christmas.

DAY.	MORNING.		EVENING.	
	OLD TEST.	NEW TEST.	OLD TEST.	NEW TEST.
4 Sun. before Christmas..	Isaiah, 1.....	Luke, 1:1–38..	Isaiah, 2....	Romans, 10
3 "	" 5.....	" 1:39–56..	Malachi, 3....	" 12
2 "	" 25....	" 3:1–18..	Isaiah, 28:1–22.	" 14
1 "	" 30.....	Matt., 3:1–12..	" 32....	1 Corinth., 1
CHRISTMAS (Dec. 25)	" 60.....	Luke, 2:7–20..	" 9:1–7..	John, 1:1–14
Circumcision (Jan. 1).....	Gen. 17:1–10..	" 2:21–24.	Deut., 10:12–22	Coloss., 2
1 Sun. after Christmas....	Isaiah, 35.....	" 2:25–52.	Isaiah, 40....	1 Corinth, 2
2 "	" 41.....	Matt., 2:1–12..	" 42....	Heb., 2
3 "	" 44.....	Mark, 1:1–15..	" 45....	1 Cor., 3
4 "	" 51.....	John, 1:15–28.	" 52:1–12.	" 13
5 "	" 54.....	Matt., 4:1–11..	" 55....	2 Cor., 4
6 "	" 57.....	Luke, 4:14–32.	" 59....	" 5
7 "	" 61.....	Matt., 5.....	" 62....	Galat., 2
8 "	" 65.....	" 6.	" 66....	" 3

The Lessons for the Sundays after Christmas are intended to be used until the ninth Sunday before Easter, and no further.

II.

SEASON OF THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD.

(EASTER.)

The Order of Lessons for the Easter Season begins with the ninth Sunday before Easter. Easter Sunday, corresponding to the time of the Jewish Passover, is the Sunday next after the full moon that follows the 21st of March; and if the full moon happen on a Sunday, it is the Sunday after. Ascension Day is forty days after Easter.

DAY.	MORNING.		EVENING.	
	OLD TEST.	NEW TEST.	OLD TEST.	NEW TEST.
9 Sunday before Easter...	Jerem., 5....	Matt., 7....	Jerem., 22....	Ephesians, 1
8 "	" 25....	Luke, 7:1–18..	" 36....	" 2
7 "	Lam., 1....	Mark, 6:1–29..	Lam., 3:1–36..	" 3
6 "	Jerem., 7....	Matt., 10....	Jerem., 9....	" 4
5 "	Ezek., 14....	Luke, 10:1–24.	Ezek., 18....	" 5
4 "	" 20:1–26..	Mark, 9:1–29..	" 20:27–49.	" 6
3 "	Micah, 6....	Luke, 19:1–27.	Habakk., 3....	Philippians, 1
2 "	Haggai, 2:1–9.	" 21....	Zech., 13....	" 3
1 "	Dan., 9:4–27..	" 19:29–48.	Malachi, 4....	Hebrews, 5
Good Friday.....	Gen., 22:1–19.	John, 19....	Isaiah, 53....	Philippians, 2
EASTER.....	Exod., 12:1–36	" 20....	" 25....	Romans, 6
1 Sunday after Easter....	Isaiah, 43....	Acts, 1....	" 48....	1 Cor., 15:1–28
2 "	Hosea, 13....	" 3....	Hosea, 14....	Colossians, 1
3 "	Joel, 3:1–8....	" 5:17–42.	Micah, 4....	" 3
4 "	Micah, 5.....	" 6....	Nahum, 1....	1 Thess., 3
5 "	Zech., 8.....	" 8:14–40.	Zech., 10....	" 4
Ascension.....	Deut., 10.....	Luke, 24:44–53.	2 Kings, 2....	Eph., 4:1–16

III.

SEASON OF THE MISSION OF THE HOLY COMFORTER.

(PENTECOST OR WHITSUNTIDE.)

The Order of Lessons for the Season of Pentecost begins with the Sunday before Pentecost. Pentecost, or Whitsuntide, is the seventh Sunday after Easter.

DAY.	MORNING.		EVENING.	
	OLD TEST.	NEW TEST.	OLD TEST.	NEW TEST.
1 Sunday before Pentecost	Joel, 2...	John, 17....	Zeph., 3....	2 Thess., 3
PENTECOST.....	Deut., 16:1–17.	Acts, 2:1–36.	Isaiah, 11....	Acts, 4:1–31
Pentecost, 1 Sunday after.	Genesis, 1....	Matt., 3:10–17.	Genesis, 2....	1 John, 5
" 2	" 3....	Acts, 9:1–31.	" 6....	1 Tim., 6
" 3	" 9:1–19..	" 10....	" 15....	2 Tim., 2
" 4	" 37....	" 11....	" 42....	" 3
" 5	" 43....	" 14....	" 45....	Titus, 2
" 6	" 49....	" 15....	" 50....	Hebrews, 10
" 7	Exodus, 3....	" 17....	Exodus, 5....	" 11
" 8	" 9....	" 20....	" 10....	" 12
" 9	" 14....	" 24....	" 15....	" 13
" 10	Numb., 16....	" 26....	Numb., 22....	James, 1
" 11	" 23....	" 28....	" 24....	" 2
" 12	Deut., 4:1–40.	Matt., 18. ..	Deut., 5....	" 3
" 13	" 6....	" 20....	" 7....	" 4
" 14	" 8....	" 23....	" 9....	" 5
" 15	" 33....	" 25....	" 34....	1 Peter, 1
" 16	Joshua, 23....	Mark, 4....	Joshua, 24....	" 2
" 17	Judges, 4....	" 13....	Judges, 5....	" 3
" 18	1 Sam., 12....	Luke, 13....	1 Sam., 17....	" 4
" 19	2 Sam., 12....	" 15....	2 Sam., 19....	" 5
" 20	1 Kings, 8:1–21	" 20....	1 K'gs, 8:22–53	2 Peter, 1
" 21	" 17....	John, 3....	" 18....	" 2
" 22	2 Kings, 5....	" 7....	2 Kings, 19....	" 3
" 23	Daniel, 6....	" 8....	Daniel, 7...	1 John, 1
" 24	Proverbs, 1....	" 9....	Prov., 2....	" 2
" 25	" 3....	" 10....	" 8....	" 3
" 26	" 11....	" 11....	" 12....	Jude.
" 27	" 13....	" 15....	" 14....	Rev., 1
" 28	" 15....	" 16....	" 16....	" 22

The Lessons for the Sundays after Pentecost are to be used until the fourth Sunday before Christmas, and no further.

II.

Order of Public Worship.

LORD'S DAY MORNING.

I.

INVOCATION.

It is recommended that the Invocation be concluded with the Lord's Prayer, and that the People unite audibly in the Lord's Prayer whenever used, and in the Amen at the close of every prayer in Public Worship.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name: Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread: and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever. Amen.

II.

SALUTATION.

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 *Cor.* i : 3.

¶ Or this:

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 *Tim.* i : 2.

¶ Or this:

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you, through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.

2 *Peter*, i : 2.

¶ Or this:

May God, Who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, shine in your hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 *Cor.* iv : 6.

III.

READING OF SCRIPTURE.

I.—THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

Hear the law of God as it is written in the 20th chapter of the Book of Exodus.

And GOD spake all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

I.

Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

II.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above,

or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments.

III.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

IV.

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

V.

Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

VI.

Thou shalt not kill.

VII.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII.

Thou shalt not steal.

IX.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

X.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

Hear also the Summary of the Law by our Lord Jesus Christ, as it is written in the Gospel according to Matthew, xxii : 37–40.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

After the reading of the Law a suitable Response may be sung.

II.—READING OF SCRIPTURE LESSONS.

If desired, one of the Lessons may consist of a portion from the Psalms, read responsively by the Minister and People.

After either or both of the Lessons, a GLORIA or Chant may be sung.

IV.

SINGING.

V.

PRAYER.

This will ordinarily be free. But if desirable, the Litany, which is a literal translation from the Reformer Bucer's "Reformation of Doctrine and Worship," or any of the Prayers for Special Occasions, which will be found on pages 22– , may be used.

VI.

SINGING.

VII.

SERMON.

VIII.

PRAYER.

IX.

OFFERINGS TO THE LORD.

The Offerings are sometimes presented either before or after the Hymn preceding the Sermon.

X.

SINGING.

XI.

BENEDICTION.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

2 *Cor.* xiii : 14.

¶ Or this:

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ: to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews, xiii : 20, 21.

¶ Or this:

THE LORD bless thee and keep thee.

THE LORD make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

THE LORD lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Numbers, vi : 24, 26.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Romans, xvi : 24.

LORD'S DAY EVENING.

I.

INVOCATION.

It is recommended that the Invocation be concluded with the Lord's Prayer, and that the People unite audibly in the Lord's Prayer whenever used, and in the Amen at the close of every Prayer in Public Worship.

OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME: THY KINGDOM COME: THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD: AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS: AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL: FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER. AMEN.

II.

SALUTATION.

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 *Cor.* i : 3.

¶ Or this:

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 *Tim.* i : 2.

¶ Or this:

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.

Peter, i : 2.

¶ Or this:

Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

Jude, 2.

III.

READING OF SCRIPTURE.

If desired, one of the Lessons may consist of a portion from the Psalms, read responsively by the Minister and People.

After either or both of the Lessons a GLORIA or Chant may be sung.

IV.

SINGING.

This may be followed by repeating the Creed, according to the ancient custom of our Church, the People standing, and repeating audibly with the Minister.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH:

AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD; WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY GHOST, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD, AND BURIED; HE DESCENDED INTO HELL; THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SITTETH ON THE

RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY; FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST; THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS; THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS; THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY; AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH.

COMPOSED IN THE COUNCIL OF NICE, A. D. 325.

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND OF ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE;

AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, BEGOTTEN OF HIS FATHER, BEFORE ALL WORLDS; GOD, OF GOD, LIGHT, OF LIGHT, VERY GOD, OF VERY GOD; BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE, BEING OF ONE SUBSTANCE WITH THE FATHER, BY WHOM ALL THINGS WERE MADE: WHO, FOR US MEN AND FOR OUR SALVATION, CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY GHOST OF THE VIRGIN MARY; AND WAS MADE MAN; AND WAS CRUCIFIED ALSO FOR US UNDER PONTIUS PILATE. HE SUFFERED AND WAS BURIED; AND THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES; AND ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SITTETH ON THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER. AND HE SHALL COME AGAIN, WITH GLORY, TO JUDGE BOTH THE QUICK AND THE DEAD: WHOSE KINGDOM SHALL HAVE NO END.

AND IN THE HOLY GHOST, WHO SPAKE BY THE

PROPHETS. AND ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH. WE ACKNOWLEDGE ONE BAPTISM FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS; AND WE LOOK FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME. AMEN.

V.

PRAYER.

This will ordinarily be free. But if desired, the Litany, or any of the Prayers for Special Occasions, which will be found on pages 22- , , may be used.

VI.

SINGING.

VII.

SERMON.

VIII.

PRAYER.

IX.

OFFERINGS TO THE LORD.

The Offerings are sometimes presented either before or after the Hymn preceding the Sermon.

X.

SINGING, WITH THE DOXOLOGY.

XI.

BENEDICTION.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. AMEN.

2 *Cor.* xiii : 24.

¶ Or This:

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever. AMEN.

Hebrews, xiii : 20, 21.

¶ Or This:

THE LORD bless thee and keep thee.

THE LORD make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

THE LORD lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Numbers, vi : 24–26.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. AMEN.

Romans, xvi : 24.

III.

Prayers for Special Occasions.

THE LITANY.

O God the Father of Heaven, have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost,

Have mercy upon us.

Be merciful unto us, and spare us, O Lord.

Be merciful unto us, and deliver us, O Lord.

From all sin, from all error, from all evil, from the wiles of the devil, deliver us, O Lord.

From dying suddenly and unprepared; from pestilence and famine, from war and slaughter, from sedition and conspiracy, from lightning and tempest, from everlasting death, deliver us, O Lord.

By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation, by Thy holy Nativity, by Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptations, deliver us, O Lord.

By Thine Agony and bloody Sweat, by Thy Cross and Passion, by Thy Death and Burial, by Thy Resurrection and Ascension, by the coming of the Holy Ghost the Comforter, deliver us, O Lord.

In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our felicity, in the hour of death, in the day of judgment,

DELIVER US, O LORD.

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us:

That it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy Holy Church Universal.

That it may please Thee to preserve in soundness of word and holiness of life, all pastors and ministers of Thy Church.

That it may please Thee to remove all sects and scandals.

That it may please Thee to bring back into the way of truth all such as wander and have been led astray.

That it may please Thee to crush Satan under our feet.

That it may please Thee to send forth faithful laborers into Thy harvest.

That it may please Thee to grant the increase of Thy Word and the fruit of Thy Spirit unto all that hear.

That it may please Thee to raise the fallen, and strengthen those that stand.

That it may please Thee to console the weak-hearted, and succor the tempted.

That it may please Thee to give peace and concord unto all rulers and governors.

That it may please Thee to guide and protect our Chief Magistrate, with all his counsellors.

That it may please Thee to bless and preserve our people, and all in authority among us.

That it may please Thee to look upon the

afflicted, and those that are in danger; and to comfort them.

That it may please Thee to succor all women in the perils of child-birth.

That it may please Thee to cherish and protect young children and sick persons.

That it may please Thee to defend and suitably provide for the orphans and widows.

That it may please Thee to grant freedom unto captives.

That it may please Thee to have mercy upon all men.

That it may please Thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to convert them.

That it may please Thee to give and preserve the fruits of the earth.

That it may please Thee to grant all these our requests.

WE BESEECH THEE TO HEAR US.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world,

HAVE MERCY UPON US.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world,

GRANT US THY PEACE.

Lord, deal not with us after our sins, neither reward us according to our iniquities.

O God, Merciful Father, who despisest not the groans of the contrite, nor rejectest the desire of the sorrowful: be favorable to our prayers, which, in our afflictions that continually oppress us, we pour out before Thee; and graciously hear them; that those things which the craft of the devil or of

man worketh against us, may be brought to naught, and by the counsel of Thy goodness be scattered; that being hurt by no persecutions, we may ever give thanks unto Thee in Thy holy Church: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works proceed: Give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may by Thy protection pass our time in rest and quietness: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

A PRAYER ON THE LORD'S DAY, BEFORE SERMON.

O ETERNAL God, and most merciful Father, we humbly prostrate ourselves before Thy high majesty, against which we have so often and grievously offended; and acknowledge, if Thou shouldst enter into judgment with us, that we have deserved nothing but eternal death: for besides that we all are, by original sin, unclean in Thy sight and children of wrath, conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity, whereby all manner of evil lusts, striving against Thee and our neighbor, dwell within us; we have also indeed, frequently and without end, transgressed Thy precepts, neglected what Thou hast commanded us, and done what Thou hast expressly forbidden us. We have strayed like sheep, and have greatly offended against Thee, which we acknowledge, and are heartily sorry for; nay, we confess to our shame, and to the praise of Thy mercy towards us, that our

sins are more than the hairs of our head, and that we are indebted ten thousand talents, but not able to pay. Wherefore we are not worthy to be called Thy children; nor to lift up our eyes towards heaven, to pour out our prayers before Thee.

Nevertheless, O Lord God, and merciful Father, knowing that Thou dost not desire the death of a sinner, but that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and that Thy mercy is infinite, which Thou showest unto those who return to Thee; we heartily call upon Thee, trusting in our Mediator Jesus Christ, who is that Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world, and we beseech Thee, to commiserate our infirmity, forgiving us all our sins for Christ's sake.

Wash us in the pure fountain of His blood, that we may become clean and white as snow. Cover our nakedness with His innocence and righteousness, for the glory of Thy Name's sake: clear our understanding of all blindness, and our hearts of all hardness and pride.

Open the mouth of Thy servant at present, and replenish him with Thy wisdom and knowledge, that he may purely and confidently set forth Thy Word; prepare also our hearts that we may hear, understand, and keep the same: write Thy laws, according to Thy promise in the tables of our hearts, and strengthen us to delight and walk in the same, to the praise and glory of Thy Name, and to the edification of Thy Church. O gracious Father, we ask for, and desire all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who hath taught us to pray: OUR FATHER, etc.

A PRAYER BEFORE SERMON.

HEAVENLY Father, eternal and merciful God, we acknowledge and confess before Thy divine majesty, that we are poor miserable sinners, conceived in sin, and born in iniquity, prone to all evil, unfit for any good; and that, by our sinful life, we continually transgress Thy holy commandments, whereby we provoke Thine anger against us, and according to Thy righteous judgment, expose ourselves unto eternal damnation. But, O Lord, we repent and are sorry that we have offended Thee; we bewail our transgressions, beseeching that Thou wilt graciously pity our misery. Have compassion on us, O most bounteous God and Father, and forgive us all our sins, for that holy passion of Thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ. Grant us also the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may, with all our hearts, study to know our own unrighteousness, and sincerely abhor ourselves; that sin may be mortified in us, and we may be raised up to a new life; that we may bring forth genuine fruits of holiness, and righteousness, which through Jesus Christ are acceptable to Thee. Give us to understand Thy holy Word according to Thy divine will, that we may learn thereby to put our whole trust in Thee alone, and withdraw it from all creatures; that also our old man, with all the affections thereof, may be daily more and more crucified; and that we may offer up ourselves unto Thee a living sacrifice, to the glory of Thy holy Name, and to the edification of our neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who hath taught and commanded us to pray: OUR FATHER, etc.

A PRAYER AFTER SERMON.

LORD God Almighty, let not Thy holy Name be profaned for our sins, for we have divers ways sinned against Thee, since we are not obedient to Thy holy Word, as we ought to be, and through ignorance and murmuring daily stir up Thine anger against us; wherefore Thou dost justly punish us; but, O Lord, be mindful of Thy great mercy, and have compassion on us. Give us knowledge of, and repentance for our sins, and amendment of our lives. Strengthen the ministers of Thy Church, that they may faithfully and steadfastly declare Thy holy Word; and the magistrates of Thy people, that they may bear the sword with equity and prudence. Preserve us from all deceit and unfaithfulness. Confound all evil and subtile counsels taken against Thy Word and Church. O Lord, withhold not from us Thy Spirit and Word, but grant us increase of faith; and in all trouble and adversity, patience and constancy. Assist Thy Church; deliver her from all affliction, derision and persecution. Strengthen also the weak and sorrowful of heart, and send us Thy peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who hath given us this sure promise: *Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he will give it you;* and hath commanded us to pray: OUR FATHER, etc.

A PRAYER BEFORE THE EXPLANATION OF THE CATECHISM.

O HEAVENLY Father, Thy Word is perfect, converting the soul; a sure testimony, making wise the simple, enlightening the eyes of the blind: and a

powerful means unto salvation, for all those who believe. And whereas we are not only blind by nature, but even incapable of doing any good: and also since Thou wilt help none but those who are of a broken and contrite heart; we beseech Thee to enlighten our understanding with Thy Holy Spirit, and give us a meek heart, free from all haughtiness and carnal knowledge; that we, hearing Thy Word, may rightly understand it, and regulate our life accordingly. Be graciously pleased to convert all those who still stray from Thy truth, that we may, together with them, unanimously serve Thee in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

We crave all these things for Christ's sake, who hath thus taught us to pray in His Name, and promised to hear us:

OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME: THY KINGDOM COME: THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD: AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS: AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL: FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER. AMEN.

A PRAYER AFTER THE EXPLANATION OF THE CATECHISM.

O GRACIOUS God and Merciful Father, we give Thee hearty thanks that it hath pleased Thee, not only to take us, but also our little children, into Thy covenant, which Thou hast not only sealed

unto them, by Holy Baptism, but also daily showest, when Thou perfectest Thy praise out of their mouths, thus to cause the wise of the world to blush. We beseech Thee, increase Thy grace in them, that they may always grow and increase in Christ Thy Son; till they acquire their perfect manly age in all knowledge and righteousness. Give us grace that we may educate them, as Thou hast commanded us, in Thy knowledge and fear, so that by their godliness the kingdom of Satan may be destroyed, and the Kingdom of Jesus Christ strengthened in this and other congregations, to the glory of Thy Holy Name, and to their eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ. AMEN.

A MORNING PRAYER.

O MERCIFUL Father, we thank Thee, that Thou hast in faithfulness watched over us the night past: and we beseech Thee to strengthen, and henceforth guide us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may spend this, and all the days of our lives, in all righteousness and holiness; and that whatsoever we undertake, we may always aim at the promoting of Thy glory, and expect all the success of our undertakings from Thy bountiful hand alone. And to the end that we may obtain this mercy of Thee, be pleased (according to Thy promise) to forgive all our sins, through the holy passion and blood-shedding of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; for we heartily repent of them. Enlighten also our hearts, that we, having cast off all works of darkness, may, as children of light, walk in a new life in all godliness. Bless also the preaching of Thy Gospel.

Destroy all the works of the devil. Strengthen all ministers of the Gospel and magistrates of Thy people. Comfort all those who are persecuted and afflicted in mind; through Jesus Christ Thy Beloved Son, Who hath promised us that Thou wilt certainly give us whatsoever we shall ask in His Name, and therefore hath commanded us to pray: OUR FATHER, etc.

AN EVENING PRAYER.

O MERCIFUL God, Eternal Light, shining in darkness, Thou who dispellest the night of sin, and all blindness of heart; since Thou hast appointed the night for rest and the day for labor, we beseech Thee, grant that our bodies may rest in peace and quietness, that afterwards they may be able to endure the labor they must bear. Temper our sleep, that it be not disorderly, that we may remain spotless both in body and soul, nay, that our sleep itself may be to Thy glory. Enlighten the eyes of our understanding, that we may not sleep in death; but always look for deliverance from this misery. Defend us against all assaults of the devil, and take us into Thy holy protection. And although we have not passed this day without having greatly sinned against Thee, we beseech Thee to hide our sins with Thy great mercy, as Thou hidest all things on earth with the darkness of the night, that we therefore may not be cast out from Thy presence. Relieve and comfort all those who are afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who hath taught us to pray: OUR FATHER, etc.

A PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND ALL IN AUTHORITY.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, the High and Mighty Ruler of the Universe, who dost from Thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech Thee, with Thy favor to behold and bless Thy servant, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to Thy will, and walk in Thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

A PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for Thy Holy Church Universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy Good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally we commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience

under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.

THANKSGIVING AFTER HARVEST.

WE yield Thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, for all Thy goodness, and especially for this Thy bounty again bestowed upon us, who, through Thy providence and tender mercy towards us, have now reaped the fruits of the earth in due season, and gathered them into our garners. Continue, we beseech Thee, Thy loving kindness towards us, that year by year our land may yield her increase, filling our hearts with food and gladness, to the comfort of Thy people and the glory of Thy Holy Name; and so dispose us by Thy special grace preventing us, that we Thy servants may never sow only to the flesh, lest of the flesh we reap corruption, but may sow spiritually to life everlasting, and reap the same in Thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all

Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. AMEN.

A PRAYER IN TIME OF DROUGHT.

O GOD, our Creator, Preserver, and Bountiful Benefactor, Who givest seed-time and harvest, and sendest both the early and latter rain; have pity, we beseech Thee, upon Thy famished people who cry unto Thee in their tribulation, and in Thy compassion return and visit us; that the heavens may no longer be as brass above, and the earth as iron beneath, to shut out from us Thy mercy; but that all the people may praise Thee, O God, Who art the Fountain of living waters and the Father of mercies, from Whom cometh down every good and perfect gift; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

A PRAYER IN TIME OF PESTILENCE.

HOLY Lord God Almighty, Who of old didst stay the Angel of Pestilence at the cry of Thy repenting children, and bring back health to a dying people; hear us, Thy suppliants, returning to Thee, as in sackcloth, dust and ashes, and mercifully lift from us the heavy hand of Thy righteous visitation; that the people may live before Thee, and not die in their sins, and that the land may no longer mourn

by reason of Thy judgments, O Lord, Who for our iniquities are justly displeased. We ask it humbly in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

FOR FAIR WEATHER.

O GOD of love and compassion, Who of old didst set Thy bow in the cloud for a token of a covenant between Thee and the earth, we humble ourselves before Thee on account of our sins, and acknowledge Thy chastisement to be just. Yet spare us, O Lord. Stay the excess of rain, and cause Thy sun to shine, that, the hope of harvest being fulfilled, our barns may be stored with Thy bounty, and our souls rejoice in Thee. Above all, O Lord, grant that the Sun of Righteousness may arise upon us with healing in His wings, and Thy people, walking all the day in the light of Thy countenance, in Thy righteousness may be exalted. Do this, O Father of mercies, for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ. AMEN.

FOR PEACE.

O GOD of Peace, Who didst send unto us messages of peace by Thy Son, the Prince of peace, and commandest us to be at peace with all men; we entreat Thee to save us from quarrel, bloodshed, and war. Still the tumult of the people as Thou dost the raging of the sea.* Disappoint the devices

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* In time of war may be here inserted:

Give us not over into the hands of our enemies, but defend us and grant us the victory, which is in Thine hand.

of the wicked, and bring their machinations to naught. Fill our hearts and the hearts of all men with Thy love, so that we may dwell in safety under the wings of Thy Holy Spirit, and have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

FOR THE ABSENT FROM HOME.

O GOD, Who art everywhere present, ruling the sea and the land, we entreat Thee for Thy *servant* now absent from us. Rescue *him* from peril, from sickness, from sin, and from death. Cover *him* as with a shield, and sanctify *his* experience of Thy mercy to *his* eternal profit and joy. In due time restore *him* to *his* home, and keep *him* and us through the journey of this life, that we may all reach our Father's house in peace, through His grace Who hath opened the kingdom of Heaven to all who believe in His Holy Name. AMEN.

ON COMMENCING A JOURNEY.

O MOST Glorious Lord God, Who of old didst lead Thine armies as with a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night, be our Leader and Guardian, we beseech Thee, in all our journeyings; our support in setting out; our solace on the way; our shadow in the heat; our covert in the rain and cold; the help of our weariness; the fortress of our adversity; and our staff in the way of danger; that under Thy guidance we may safely come to our journey's end, and at length to the end of this our earthly warfare and pilgrimage; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

FOR A PERSON GOING TO SEA.

O ETERNAL Lord God, Who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea: We commend to Thine Almighty protection Thy *servant*, for whose preservation on the great deep our prayers are desired. Guard *him*, we beseech Thee, from the dangers of the sea, from sickness, from the violence of enemies, from every evil; and conduct *him* in safety to the haven where *he* would be, with a grateful sense of Thy mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

A PRAYER FOR SICK AND TEMPTED PERSONS.

O ALMIGHTY, eternal, righteous God, and merciful Father, who art Lord of life and death, and without whose will, nothing is done in heaven nor in earth; although we are not worthy to call upon Thy Name, nor to hope that Thou wilt hear us, when we consider how we have hitherto employed our time; we beseech Thee that Thou wilt be pleased of Thy mercy to look upon us in the face of Jesus Christ, who hath taken all our infirmities on Himself. We acknowledge that we are utterly incapable of any good and prone to all evil, wherefore we have justly merited this punishment, yea, have deserved much more. But Lord, Thou knowest that we are Thy people, and that Thou art our God: we have no other refuge than Thy mercy, which Thou never hast withheld from any one who turned himself to Thee. Therefore we beseech Thee not to impute our sins unto us, but to account the wisdom, righteousness and holiness of Jesus Christ, to us, that we may in

Him be able to stand before Thee. Deliver us for His sake from these sufferings, that the wicked may not think that Thou hast forsaken us. And if it is Thy pleasure longer thus to try us, give us strength and patience to bear all such, according to Thy will, and let all turn according to Thy wisdom to our profit. Rather chastise us here than let us hereafter be lost with the world. Grant that we may die to this world, and all earthly things, and that we may daily more and more be renewed after the image of Jesus Christ. Suffer us not to be separated by any means from Thy love; but draw us daily nigher and nigher unto Thee, that we may enter upon the end of our calling with joy; which is, to die, to rise again, and to live with Christ in eternity. We also believe that Thou wilt hear us through Jesus Christ, who hath taught us to pray: OUR FATHER, etc.

Strengthen us also in the true faith, which we believe in our hearts and profess with our mouths: I BELIEVE IN GOD, etc.

¶ Or This:

ETERNAL merciful God and Father, the eternal salvation of the living and the everlasting life of the dying; seeing that Thou hast death and life in Thy hand alone, and takest such care of us continually, that neither health nor sickness, nor any good or evil can befall us—nay, not a hair can fall from our head, without Thy will; and since thou dost order all things for the good of Thy people; we beseech Thee, grant us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to teach us rightly to acknowledge our misery, and patiently to bear Thy chastenings, which we have deserved ten

thousand times more severe. We know that they are not the evidences of Thy wrath, but of Thy fatherly love towards us, that we should not be condemned with the world. O Lord, increase our faith in Thine infinite mercy, that we may be more and more united to Christ, as members to their spiritual Head, to Whom thou wilt make us conform in sufferings and in glory. Lighten the cross, so that our weakness may be able to bear it. We submit ourselves entirely to Thy holy will, whether Thou art pleased to continue our souls longer in these tabernacles, or to take them into eternal life, since we belong to Christ, and therefore shall not perish. We would willingly leave this weak body in hope of a blessed resurrection, when it shall be restored to us much more glorious. Grant us to experience the blessed comfort of the remission of sins, and of justification through Christ, that we by that shield may overcome all the assaults of Satan. May His innocent blood wash away all the stain and uncleanness of our sins, and His righteousness answer for our unrighteousness in Thy last judgment. Arm us with faith and hope, that we may not be ashamed nor confounded by the terror of death; but when our bodily eyes are closing in darkness, may the eyes of our souls be directed towards Thee; and when Thou shalt have deprived us of the use of our tongues, may our hearts never cease to call upon Thee. O Lord, we commit our souls into Thy hands. Forsake us not in our last extremity, and that only for the sake of Jesus Christ, who hath taught us to pray: OUR FATHER, etc. I BELIEVE IN GOD, etc.

FOR THE SICK.

O LORD God, in Whose hand our breath is; regard with tender compassion Thy servant, whom it hath pleased Thee to visit with sickness. Be graciously near to *him* in the hour of *his* need. Grant unto *him* true repentance for all *his* sins, a firm and steady trust in the merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, and grace to be in perfect charity with all men. Enable *him* to cast all *his* cares on Thee, and to yield *himself* with childlike submission to Thy righteous will.

God of all power and grace, bless, we entreat Thee, the means used for *his* recovery, rebuke the violence of disease, and raise *him* up from *his* bed of pain, that, being delivered by Thy compassion, *he* may walk before Thee in newness of life. But if, O Most Wise and Merciful Father, this sickness should be unto death, grant *him*, we humbly implore Thee, a comfortable release from all *his* sufferings. Let the arms of Thine everlasting love be around *him*, and, when flesh and heart shall fail, be Thou the strength of *his* heart and *his* portion for evermore; through the mediation and merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

FOR A SICK CHILD.

O ALMIGHTY God and Merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; look down from Heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, upon this child, now lying upon the bed of sickness. Visit *him*, O Lord, with Thy salvation, deliver *him* in Thy good time from his bodily pain, and save *his*

soul for Thy mercies' sake; that if it shall be Thy pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to Thee, and be an instrument of Thy glory, by serving Thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation; or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for Thy mercies' sake, in the Name of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

FOR GRACE TO USE ARIGHT THE WORD.

BLESSED LORD, Who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

FOR FORGIVENESS.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

FOR PROTECTION.

ALMIGHTY God, Who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may endanger the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; and as we have received how we ought to walk and please Thee, so may we abound more and more; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

AT THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us with great humility: that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal: through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. AMEN.

O LORD, Who hast given us cause of perpetual joy by the coming of Thy Son our Saviour among us: Raise up Thy Power, we pray Thee, and possess us with a mighty sense of Thy wonderful love; that whereas through the cares of this life we are sorely let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, we may be careful for nothing, but thankfully commending ourselves in everything to Thy bountiful grace and mercy, the peace of Thee,

our God, which passeth all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds, through the satisfaction of Thy Son our Lord; to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. AMEN.

AT THE EASTER SEASON.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast given Thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that His most inestimable benefit; and also daily endeavor to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; that dying unto sin, and living unto righteousness, we may at last obtain eternal life: Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

BLESSED Lord, Whose Only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ hath once suffered for our sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to Thee our God: We beseech Thee, that as we are baptized into His death, so by continually mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him; and at last through the grave, and gate of death, pass to our joyful resurrection: For His merits, Who died, and was buried, and rose again, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who of Thy tender love towards mankind hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and that in the form of a servant, and to suffer death, even the death of the Cross, for our redemption, and

that we should follow the example of His great humility, patience, and obedience: Mercifully grant that this mind may be in us which was also in Christ Jesus, that we may both follow the example of His humble obedience and patient suffering, and also be made partakers of His glorious resurrection, to live with Thee forever. Grant this for the sake of Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

AT THE SEASON OF PENTECOST.

O GOD the King of Glory, Who hast exalted Thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto Thy Kingdom in heaven; We beseech Thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us Thy Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. AMEN.

GOD of all peace and consolation, Who didst gloriously fulfil the great promise of the Gospel, by sending down Thy Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, to establish the Church as the home of His continual presence and power among men; merci fully grant unto us, we beseech Thee, this same gift of the Spirit, to renew, illuminate, refresh, and sanctify our dying souls, to be over us and around us like the light and dew of heaven, and to be in us evermore as a well of water springing up into everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, be honor and glory, world without end. AMEN.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER.

The Constitution of the Church directs that in the administration of the Lord's Supper, "after the sermon and usual prayers are ended, the Form for the administration of the Lord's Supper shall be read, and a prayer suited to the occasion shall be offered, before the members participate of the ordinance."

The following is submitted as a suitable prayer, which may be used in compliance with this direction.

IT is very meet and right, above all things, to give thanks unto Thee, O Eternal God: Who, by Thy word, didst create heaven and earth, and all things therein. For all Thy bounties known to us, for all unknown, we give Thee thanks; but chiefly, that when, through disobedience, we had fallen from Thee, Thou didst not suffer us to depart from Thee forever, but hast ransomed us from eternal death, and given us the joyful hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ Thy Son; Who, being Very and Eternal God, became Man for us men, and for our salvation.

Not as we ought, but as we are able, we bless Thee for His holy incarnation; for His life on earth; for His precious sufferings and death upon the cross; for His resurrection from the dead; and for His glorious ascension to Thy right hand.

We bless Thee for the giving of the Holy Ghost; for the sacraments and ordinances of the Church; for the communion of Christ's Body and Blood; for the great hope of everlasting life, and of an eternal weight of glory.

Thee, Mighty God, Heavenly King, we magnify and praise. With angels and archangels, and all the hosts of heaven, we worship and adore Thy glorious Name, joining in the song of Cherubim and Seraphim, and saying:—

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD OF SABAOTH, HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF THY GLORY. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

And we most humbly beseech Thee, O Merciful Father, to vouchsafe unto us Thy gracious presence, as we commemorate in this Supper the most blessed sacrifice of Thy Son; and to bless and sanctify with Thy Word and Spirit these Thine own gifts of bread and wine which we set before Thee; that we, receiving them, according to our Saviour's institution, in thankful remembrance of His death and passion, may, through the power of the Holy Ghost, be very partakers of His body and blood, with all His benefits, to our salvation and the glory of Thy Most Holy Name.

And here we offer and present to Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto Thee; humbly beseeching Thee that all who are partakers of this Holy Communion, may be filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And rejoicing in the communion of Thy saints, we bless Thy Holy Name for all Thy servants who have departed in the faith, and who, having accomplished their warfare, are at rest with Thee; beseeching Thee to enable us so to follow their faith

and good example, that we with them may finally be partakers of Thy heavenly Kingdom: when, made like unto Christ, we shall behold Him with unveiled face, rejoicing in His glory, and by Him we, with all Thy Church, holy and unspotted, shall be presented with exceeding joy before the presence of Thy glory. Hear us, O Heavenly Father, for His sake: to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory for ever and ever. AMEN.

A PRAYER AT THE OPENING OF THE CONSISTORY.

HEAVENLY FATHER, Eternal and Merciful God, it hath pleased Thee of Thy infinite wisdom and goodness to gather a Church to Thyself out of all nations upon the face of the earth, by the preaching of Thy Holy Gospel, and to govern the same by the service of men. Thou hast also graciously called us up to this office, and commanded us to take heed unto ourselves and unto the flock, which Christ hath bought with His precious blood. Since we are at this present assembled in Thy Holy Name, after the example of the Apostolic Churches, to consult, as our office requires, about those things which may come before us, for the welfare and edification of Thy Church, for which we acknowledge ourselves to be unfit and incapable, as we are by nature unable of ourselves to think any good, much less to put it in practice: therefore, we beseech Thee, O Faithful God and Father, that Thou wilt be pleased to be present with Thy Holy Spirit, according to Thy promise, in the midst of our present assembly, to guide us into all truth. Remove from us all misap-

prehensions and unbecoming desires of the flesh, and grant that Thy Holy Word may be the only rule and guide of all our consultations; that they may tend to the glory of Thy Name, to the edification of Thy Church, and to the discharge of our own consciences, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost, the Only True God, is eternally to be praised and magnified. AMEN.

A PRAYER AT THE CLOSE OF THE CONSISTORY.

O LORD GOD and Heavenly Father, we heartily thank Thee, that Thou hast been pleased to gather a Church to Thyself in this part of the world, and to use our services therein, granting us the privilege that we may freely and without hindrance preach Thy Holy Gospel, and exercise all the duties of godliness. Moreover, we thank Thee, that Thou now hast been present with Thy Holy Spirit in the midst of this our assembly, directing our determinations according to Thy will, uniting our hearts in mutual peace and concord. We beseech Thee, O Faithful God and Father, that Thou wilt graciously be pleased to bless our intended labor, and effectually to execute Thy begun work; always gathering unto Thyself a true Church, and preserving the same in the pure doctrine, and in the right use of Thy Holy Sacraments, and in a diligent exercise of discipline. On the contrary, destroy all evil and crafty counsels, which are devised against Thy Word and Church. Strengthen also all the Ministers of Thy Church, that they may faithfully and steadfastly declare Thy Holy Word: and the Magistrates of Thy people,

that they may bear the sword with righteousness and discretion. Particularly we pray for those whom Thou hast been pleased to put in authority over us. Grant that their whole government may be thus directed, that the King of all kings may rule over them and their fellow-citizens; and that the kingdom of the devil (which is a kingdom of scandal and reproach) may daily more and more be destroyed and brought to naught by them as Thy servants, and that we may lead with them a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty. Hear us, O God and Father, through Jesus Christ Thy Beloved Son, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost, the Only and True God, is eternally to be magnified and praised. AMEN.

A PRAYER AT THE MEETING OF THE DEACONS.

MERCIFUL GOD and Father, Thou hast not only said unto us that we should always have the poor with us, but hast also commanded that they should be assisted; and for that end hast ordained the service of Deacons in Thy Church, by whom they might be relieved. As we, who are called to the office of Deacons in this congregation, are here at present met in Thy Name, to consult together concerning our ministry; therefore we humbly beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, that Thou wilt be pleased to endue us with the spirit of discretion; to the end that we may rightly discern who are really poor and who are not: and that we may, with all cheerfulness and fidelity, distribute the alms collected by us to every one according to his neces-

sity; not leaving the indigent members of Thy Beloved Son comfortless, neither giving to those who are not in want. Kindle within the hearts of men an ardent love towards the poor, that they may liberally give of their temporal goods, of which Thou hast made them stewards: and that we, having the means in hand to assist the indigent, may faithfully, without vexation, and with a free heart, perform our office. Grant us the talents to comfort the miserable, not only with the external gift, but also with Thy Holy Word. And since man doth not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of Thy mouth, be pleased therefore to extend Thy blessing over our distributions, and increase the bread of the poor, that both we and they may have reason to praise and thank Thee: expecting the blessed coming of Thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ, Who became poor for our sakes, to make us rich in eternity. AMEN.

A PRAYER ON THE LORD'S DAY, AFTER SERMON.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, we acknowledge in ourselves, and confess before Thee, as the truth is, that we are not worthy to lift up our eyes towards heaven, and to present our prayers before Thee, if Thou shouldst respect our merits and worthiness: for our consciences accuse us, and our sins bear witness against us. We also know that Thou art a righteous Judge, punishing the sins of those who transgress Thy commandments. But, O Lord, since Thou hast commanded us to call upon Thee in all times of necessity, and hast of Thine ineffable mercy

promised to hear our prayers, not because of our merits, which are none, but for the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast appointed to be our Mediator and Advocate; therefore, we forsake all other help, and take our refuge in Thy mercy alone.

Especially, O Lord, besides the innumerable benefits, which Thou showest to all mankind in general on earth, Thou hast in particular bestowed manifold favors on us, which we are not able to comprehend or express: for Thou hast delivered us from the woful slavery of the devil, and all idolatry wherein we were held, and hast brought us to the light of Thy truth, and to the knowledge of Thy Holy Gospel. On the contrary, we have by our ingratitude been regardless of these Thy benefits. We have departed from Thee, and have followed our own devices, not honoring Thee as was our bounden duty to do. Thus, O Lord, have we grievously sinned, and highly offended Thee, and can expect nothing else than everlasting death and damnation, if Thou shouldst deal with us according to our deserts. Yea, we also perceive, O Lord, by the chastisement which Thou daily art inflicting on us, that Thou art justly displeased with us; for since Thou art just, Thou wilt punish no man without cause: and we also see Thine hand stretched out further to punish us. But though Thou shouldst punish us more severely than Thou hast hitherto done; nay, though all the plagues fell upon us, wherewith Thou didst visit the sins of Thy people Israel, we must still confess that Thou wouldst do us no injustice.

But, O Lord, Thou art our God, and we are but dust and ashes; Thou art our Creator, and we are

Thy handy work; Thou art our Shepherd, and we are Thy sheep; Thou art our Redeemer, and we are those whom Thou hast redeemed; Thou art our Father, and we are Thy children and heirs. Therefore, do not punish us in Thine anger, but chastise us mercifully, and preserve that work, which Thou hast of Thy mercy begun in us; that the whole world may know and acknowledge Thee to be our God and Saviour. Thy people Israel frequently offended Thee, and Thou didst justly punish them; but as oft as they turned themselves again to Thee, Thou didst always mercifully receive them into favor. And though their sins and transgressions were ever so great, Thou didst always avert Thy wrath and punishment prepared for them, by reason of the Covenant which Thou hadst made with Thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; so that Thou never hast refused to hear the prayers of Thy people. And we have of Thy mercy even that same Covenant, which Thou hast erected in the hand of Jesus Christ our Mediator, between Thee and all believers: nay, it is now more glorious and efficacious, since Christ hath ratified and confirmed the same by His holy suffering and death, and entrance into His glory. Therefore, O Lord, forsaking ourselves and all human assistance, we fly for succor to this blessed Covenant of Grace, by means whereof our Lord Jesus Christ, having offered His body once on the cross as a perfect sacrifice for us, hath reconciled us to Thee for ever Therefore, O Lord, look upon the face of Thine anointed, and not on our sins, that Thine anger may be appeased by His intercession: and cause Thy face to shine on us, to our joy and salvation.

Take us henceforth into Thy Holy guidance and protection, and govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, Who, daily more and more mortifying our flesh with all its lusts, renews us to a better life, and produces in us fruits of true faith; that hereby Thy Name may be glorified and praised to all eternity; and that we, despising all transitory things, may, with an ardent desire, fix our thoughts only on things heavenly.

And inasmuch as it is Thy pleasure that we should pray for all mankind, we beseech Thee to extend Thy blessing on the doctrine of Thy Holy Gospel, that it may be preached and accepted everywhere; that the whole world may be filled with Thy saving knowledge; that the ignorant may be converted, the weak strengthened; that every one, not only in word, but also in deed, may magnify and sanctify Thy Holy Name. Send forth, for this end, faithful laborers into Thy harvest: and also replenish them with Thy grace, that they may faithfully serve before Thee. On the contrary, utterly destroy all false teachers, ravenous wolves, and hirelings, who seek their own honor and advantage, and not the glory of Thy Holy Name, nor the welfare and salvation of souls. Be also pleased graciously to preserve and govern all Thy Christian Churches, spread over the face of the earth, in unity of true faith, and in godliness of life, that Thy kingdom may daily increase, and that of Satan be destroyed, till Thy kingdom is perfected, when Thou shalt be all in all.

Particularly we pray for the United States of America. Keep them under Thy Holy protection; prosper them in their agriculture, manufactures, commerce, and literature; and let their civil and

religious rights be preserved inviolate to the latest posterity.

Bless and long preserve Thy servant, the President of the United States. Bless the Vice-President; the Senate and House of Representatives, when in Congress assembled. Bless all who are placed in authority throughout the States, and especially in the State wherein we reside; the Governor, the Magistrates, and all others entrusted with powers, either legislative or executive. Replenish them all with Thy grace and heavenly gifts, each in the respective calling and state wherein Thou hast placed him, that they may wisely govern and strenuously protect the people whom Thou hast committed to their care, faithfully defend Thy worship, and rightly administer justice. Preside with Thy Holy Spirit in their assemblies, that in all cases they may resolve nothing but what is good and becoming, and let the laws be happily executed; that these United States being preserved from all enemies, the evil doers punished, and the just protected, Thy Name thereby may be praised, and the kingdom of the King of kings, Christ Jesus, promoted: and that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Moreover, we pray for our brethren who are under persecution of tyranny. Comfort them with Thy Holy Spirit and mercifully deliver them. Suffer not Thy Church wholly to be destroyed, nor the remembrance of Thy Name to be abolished from the face of the earth, lest the enemies of Thy truth triumph, to the dishonoring and blaspheming of Thy Name. But if it is Thy divine will, that the suffering Christians should die for the glory of Thy Name, and by

their death, witness unto the truth, comfort them in their sufferings, that they, considering them as coming from Thy fatherly hand, may therefore, doing Thy will, remain steadfast, whether in life or death; to Thy glory, to the edification of Thy Church, and to their salvation. We likewise beseech Thee for all those whom Thou dost afflict, with poverty, imprisonment, sickness of body, or trouble of mind. Comfort them all, O Lord, according to their several necessities. Grant that their chastisement may bring them to the knowledge of their sins, and to an amendment of their lives. Give them also firm patience; alleviate their sufferings; and finally deliver them, that they may rejoice in Thy goodness and eternally praise Thy Name.

And now, O Lord, take us, together with all that belongs to or concerns us, in Thy keeping. Grant that we may live in our respective callings according to Thy will, and so use the gifts which we receive of Thy blessing, that they may not impede, but rather further us to life eternal. Strengthen us in all temptations, that we, striving in true faith, may overcome, and hereafter enjoy, with Christ, life eternal.

We ask Thee for all these things, as our faithful Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ Himself hath taught us: OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME: THY KINGDOM COME; THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD: AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS; AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL: FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER. AMEN.

IV.

The Creeds.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His Only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH,

COMPOSED IN THE COUNCIL OF NICE, A. D., 325.

WE believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father, before all

worlds; God, of God, Light, of Light, very God, of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made: Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary; and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He arose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Ghost, Who spake by the prophets. And one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

THE CREED OF ATHANASIUS, A. D. 333.

1. WHOSOEVER will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholic faith.

2. Which faith, except one do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

3. The Catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity;

4. Neither confounding the Persons nor dividing the substance.

5. For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost.

6. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is all one; the Glory equal, and the Majesty coeternal.

7. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Ghost.

8. The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Ghost uncreated.

9 The Father incomprehensible, and the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible.

10. The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Ghost eternal:

11. And yet they are not three Eternals; but one Eternal.

12. As also there are not three Incomprehensisbles, nor three Uncreated; but one Uncreated, and one Incomprehensible.

13. So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, and the Holy Ghost Almighty.

14. And yet they are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.

15. So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God.

16. And yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

17. So likewise the Father is Lord, the son Lord, and the Holy Ghost Lord.

18. And yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

19. For, as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each Person by Himself to be God and Lord.

20. So we are forbidden by the Catholic faith, to say, there be three Gods, or three Lords.

21. The Father is made of none, neither created nor begotten.

22. The Son is of the Father alone, not made, nor created, but begotten.

23. The Holy Ghost is of the Father, and of the Son, neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

24. So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts:

25. And in this Trinity, there is not first nor last.

26. But the whole three Persons are coeternal together, and coequal.

27. So that in all things, as it is aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

28. He therefore that will be saved, must thus think of the Trinity.

29. Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation, that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

30. For the right faith is, that we believe and confess, that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man:

31. God of the substance of the Father, begotten before the world; and Man of the Substance of his Mother, born in time:

32. Perfect God and perfect Man. having a reasonable Soul and a human Body:

33. Equal to the Father, according to his God-

head: and inferior to the Father as to his Manhood:

34. Who, although He be God and Man, yet He is not two but one Christ:

35. One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking of the Manhood into God.

36. He is not one by mixture of Substance, but by unity of Person.

37. For the reasonable soul and flesh is one Man; so God and Man is one Christ:

38. Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead;

39. He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty:

40. From whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

41. At Whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies;

42. And shall give account for their own works.

43. And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil, into everlasting fire.

44. This is the Catholic Faith, which except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved.

V.

The Administration of Baptism.

THE principal parts of the *doctrine* of Holy Baptism are these three:

First. That we with our children *are conceived and born in sin*, and therefore are children of wrath, insomuch that we cannot enter into the Kingdom of God, except we are born again. This, the dipping in or sprinkling with water teaches us, whereby the impurity of our souls is signified, and we are admonished to loathe and humble ourselves before God, and seek for our purification and salvation without ourselves.

Secondly. Holy Baptism witnesseth and sealeth unto us *the washing away of our sins*, through Jesus Christ. Therefore we are baptized IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST. For when we are baptized in the name of the FATHER, God the Father witnesseth and sealeth unto us, that He doth make an eternal covenant of grace with us, and adopts us for His children and heirs, and therefore will provide us with every good thing, and avert all evil or turn it to our profit. And when we are baptized in the name of the SON, the Son sealeth unto us that He doth wash us in His blood from all our sins, incor-

porating us into the fellowship of His death and resurrection, so that we are freed from all our sins and accounted righteous before God. In like manner, when we are baptized in the name of the HOLY GHOST, the Holy Ghost assures us, by this Holy Sacrament, that He will dwell in us, and sanctify us to be members of Christ, applying unto us that which we have in Christ, namely, the washing away of our sins and the daily renewing of our lives, till we shall finally be presented without spot or wrinkle among the assembly of the elect in life eternal.

Thirdly. Whereas in all covenants there are contained two parts, therefore are we by God, through Baptism, *admonished of, and obliged unto new obedience*, namely, that we cleave to this One God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; that we trust in Him and love Him with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength; that we forsake the world, crucify our old nature, and walk in a new and holy life.

And if we sometimes, through weakness, fall into sin, we must not therefore despair of God's mercy, nor continue in sin, since Baptism is a seal and undoubted testimony that we have an eternal covenant of grace with God.

I.

TO INFANTS OF BELIEVERS.

And although our young children do not understand these things, we may not therefore exclude them from Baptism; for as they are, without their knowledge, partakers of the condemnation in Adam, so are they again received unto grace in Christ,

as God speaketh unto Abraham, the father of all the faithful, and therefore unto us and our children, (Gen. 17:7,) saying: "I will establish My covenant between Me and thee, and thy seed after thee, in their generations, for an everlasting covenant; to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee." This also the Apostle Peter testifieth, with these words, (Acts 2:39:) "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Therefore God formerly commanded them to be circumcised, which was a seal of the Covenant, and of the righteousness of faith; and therefore Christ also embraced them, laid His hands upon them and blessed them. (Mark 10:16.)

Since then Baptism is come in the place of circumcision, infants are to be baptized as heirs of the Kingdom of God and of His Covenant. And parents are in duty bound, further to instruct their children herein, when they shall arrive at years of discretion.

That therefore this Holy Ordinance of God may be administered to His glory, to our comfort, and to the edification of His Church, let us call upon His holy Name.

PRAYER.

O Almighty and Eternal God, we beseech Thee that Thou wilt be pleased of Thine infinite mercy, graciously to look upon *these children*, and incorporate *them* by Thy Holy Spirit into Thy Son Jesus Christ, that *they* may be buried with Him into His death and be raised with Him in newness

of life; that *they* may daily follow Him, joyfully bearing *their* cross, and cleave unto Him in true faith, firm hope, and ardent love; that *they* may, with a comfortable sense of Thy favor, leave this life, which is nothing but a continual death, and at the last day, may appear without terror before the judgment-seat of Christ Thy Son, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One Only God, lives and reigns forever. AMEN.

AN EXHORTATION TO THE PARENTS, AND THOSE WHO COME WITH THEM TO BAPTISM.

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, you have heard that Baptism is an Ordinance of God, to seal unto us and to our seed His Covenant. Therefore it must be used for that end, and not out of custom or superstition. That it may then be manifest that you are thus minded, you are to answer sincerely to these questions:

First. Do you acknowledge, that although our children are conceived and born in sin, and therefore are subject to all miseries, yea, to condemnation itself; yet that they are sanctified* in Christ, and therefore, as members of His Church, ought to be baptized?

Secondly. Do you acknowledge the doctrine which is contained in the Old and New Testament, and in the Articles of the Christian faith, and which is taught here in this Christian Church, to be the true and perfect† doctrine of salvation?

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* "My children:" Ezek. 16:21. "They are holy:" 1 Cor. 7:14.

† *Dutch*: Volkomene—complete.

Thirdly. Do you promise and intend to see *these children*, when come to the years of discretion, instructed and brought up in the aforesaid doctrine, or to help or cause *them* to be instructed therein, to the utmost of your power?

Answer. Yes.

Then the Minister of God's Word, in baptizing, shall say:

————, I baptize thee, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. AMEN.

THANKSGIVING.

Almighty God and Merciful Father, we thank and praise Thee, that Thou hast forgiven us, and our children, all our sins, through the blood of Thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ, and received us through Thy Holy Spirit, as members of Thy Only Begotten Son, and adopted us to be Thy children, and sealed and confirmed the same unto us by Holy Baptism. We beseech Thee, through the same Son of Thy love, that Thou wilt be pleased always to govern *these* baptized *children* by Thy Holy Spirit; that *they* may be piously and religiously educated, increase and grow up in the Lord Jesus Christ; that *they* then may acknowledge Thy Fatherly goodness and mercy, which Thou hast shown to *them* and us; and live in all righteousness, under our only Teacher, King, and High-Priest, Jesus Christ; and manfully fight against and overcome sin, the devil, and his whole dominion, to the end that *they* may eternally praise and magnify Thee, and Thy Son Jesus Christ, together with the Holy Ghost, the One Only True God. AMEN.

II.

TO ADULT PERSONS.

However, children of Christian parents, although they understand not this mystery, must be baptized, by virtue of the Covenant; yet it is not lawful to baptize those who have come to years of discretion, except they first be sensible of their sins, and make confession both of their repentence and their faith in Christ. For this cause not only did John the Baptist preach, according to the command of God, the baptism of repentance, and baptize for the remission of sin, those who confessed their sins, (Mark 1 : 4); but our Lord Jesus Christ also commanded His disciples to teach all nations, and then to baptize them, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, adding this promise: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." According to which rule the Apostles (Acts 2, 10, 16) baptized none who were of years of discretion, but such as made confession of their faith and repentance. Therefore it is not lawful now to baptize any other adult persons, than such as have been taught the mysteries of Holy Baptism by the preaching of the Gospel, and are able to give an account of their faith by the confession of the mouth.

Since therefore you, ————, are also desirous of Holy Baptism, to the end it may be to you a seal of your engrafting into the Church of God: that it

may appear that you* do not only receive the Christian religion, in which you have been privately instructed by us, and of which also you have made confession before us, but that you, through the grace of God, intend and purpose to lead a life according to the same; you are sincerely to give answer before God and His Church:

First. Dost thou believe in the Only True God, distinct in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Who hath made heaven and earth, and all that in them is, of nothing, and still maintains and governs them, insomuch that nothing comes to pass, either in heaven or on earth, without His divine will?

Answer. Yes.

Secondly. Dost thou believe that *thou art* conceived and born in sin, and therefore *art a child* of wrath by nature, wholly incapable of doing any good and prone to all evil; and that *thou hast* frequently, both in thought, word, and deed, transgressed the commandments of the Lord; and *art thou* heartily sorry for these sins?

Answer. Yes.

Thirdly. Dost thou believe that Christ, who is the True and Eternal God, and Very Man, who took His human nature on Him out of the flesh and blood of the Virgin Mary, is given *thee* of God, to

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* When persons who have been baptized in Infancy are also to be received to full communion, the Minister may here add:

Together with you also who have been baptized in Infancy.

be *thy* Saviour; and that *thou dost* receive, by this faith, remission of sins in His blood; and that *thou art* made, by the power of the Holy Ghost, *a member* of Jesus Christ and of His Church?

Answer. Yes.

Fourthly. Dost thou assent to all the Articles of the Christian religion, as they are taught here in this Christian Church, according to the Word of God; and purpose steadfastly to continue in the same doctrine to the end of *thy* life; and also *dost thou* reject all heresies and schisms, repugnant to this doctrine, and promise to persevere in the communion of our Christian Church, not only in the hearing of the Word, but also in the use of the Lord's Supper?

Answer. Yes.

Fifthly. Hast thou taken a firm resolution always to lead a Christian life; to forsake the world and its evil lusts, as is becoming the members of Christ and His Church; and to submit *thyself* to all Christian admonitions?

Answer. Yes.

The Good and Great God mercifully grant His grace and blessing to this *thy* purpose, through Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Then the Minister of God's Word, in baptizing, shall say:

————, I baptize thee, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, AMEN.

THANKSGIVING.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks that Thou

hast called us to the knowledge of Thy grace, and unto the faith of Thy Son, and unto the Covenant of salvation, wherein we are sealed by Holy Baptism. Give Thy Holy Spirit to these Thy servants, that, being born again and made heirs of God, they may keep themselves in Thy love, and receive the fulfilment of Thy promises; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who, with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, the One Only True God, liveth and reigneth, world without end. AMEN.

VI.

THE PUBLIC RECEPTION INTO FULL COMMUNION, OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN INFANCY.

The Candidates shall stand before the Minister. While they are coming forward, an appropriate hymn may be sung.

Then the Minister will say:

DEARLY BELOVED IN CHRIST. As *children* of your Heavenly Father you stand here for the deliberate and public ratification in your own *persons* of that Covenant of God of which your Baptism is the seal. You have already been duly instructed, and have made confession before us of your faith in the Blessed Saviour. And now in this most solemn manner, before God and His Church, you are to repeat and renew that confession.

I ask *each one* of you, then:

First. Dost thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

Answer. I do.

Secondly. Dost thou believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered

under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead?

Answer. I do.

Thirdly. Dost thou believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting?

Answer. I do.

Fourthly. Dost thou purpose steadfastly to continue to the end of thy life in the truth affirmed in these Articles of the Christian Faith as they are taught here in this Church, according to the Word of God, rejecting all heresies and schisms repugnant thereto?

Answer. I do.

Fifthly. Dost thou promise to persevere in the communion of the Christian Church, and in the diligent use of all the means of grace, especially in the hearing of the Word and the use of the Lord's Supper, to seek the things that make for purity and peace, and to submit thyself to all Christian care and admonition?

Answer. I do.

Then the Minister will say:

Since, then, *thou hast* witnessed this good confession; in the name of the Church and of Jesus Christ her Lord and Head, I do now welcome *thee* to full communion with the People of God.

[The following, or some other appropriate blessing, will then be used, given to each one separately, or to all together, as the Minister may choose.]

THE mountains shall depart and the hills be removed; but My kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of My peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

The LORD bless thee and keep thee!

The LORD make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee!

The LORD lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace! AMEN.

[The Minister will then offer the following Thanksgiving.]

Almighty and Everlasting God, we thank and praise Thee that Thou hast vouchsafed unto *these* Thy *servants*, power and grace, to own and accept for *themselves* Thy holy covenant, sealed and confirmed to *them* in *their* baptism. Strengthen *them* we beseech Thee with the Holy Ghost the Comforter. Increase in *them* daily Thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. Keep *them* from the evil that is in the world. Defend *them* from the power of the devil. Enable *them* to walk in the Spirit, that *they* may not fulfil the lusts of the flesh; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of Thy Word that *they* may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

VII.

THE OFFICE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

I.

Before the administration of the Holy Communion the Minister shall say:

BELOVED in the Lord Jesus Christ, attend to the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, as they are delivered by the holy Apostle Paul, 1 Cor. xi: 23–30.

"For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner, also, He took the cup when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come. Wherefore, whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of

the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup; for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation* to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."

That we may now celebrate the Supper of the Lord to our comfort, it is above all things necessary:

I. Rightly to examine ourselves.

II. To direct the Supper to that end for which Christ hath ordained and instituted the same, namely, to His remembrance,

The true EXAMINATION of ourselves consists of these three parts:

First. That every one consider by himself his sins and the curse due to him for them, to the end that he may abhor and humble himself before God; considering that the wrath of God against sin is so great, that, rather than it should go unpunished, He hath punished the same in His Beloved Son Jesus Christ, with the bitter and shameful death of the cross.

Secondly. That every one examine his own heart, whether he doth believe this faithful promise of God, that all his sins are forgiven him only for the sake of the passion and death of Jesus Christ; and that the perfect righteousness of Christ is imputed and freely given him as his own, yea, so perfectly as if he had satisfied in his own person for all his sins, and fulfilled all righteousness.

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* Greek, Κριμα—Dutch, Oordeel. Eng., judgment, condemnation.

Thirdly. That every one examine his own conscience, whether he purposeth henceforth to show true thankfulness to God in his whole life, and to walk uprightly before Him; as also, whether he hath laid aside unfeignedly, all enmity, hatred, and envy, and doth firmly resolve henceforth to walk in true love and peace with his neighbor.

All those, then, who are thus disposed, God will certainly receive in mercy, and count them worthy partakers of the table of His Son Jesus Christ. On the contrary, those who do not feel this testimony in their hearts, eat and drink judgment to themselves.

Therefore, we also, according to the command of Christ and the Apostle Paul, admonish all those who are defiled with the following sins, to keep themselves from the table of the Lord, and declare to them that they have no part of the kingdom of Christ: such as all idolaters; all those who invoke deceased saints, angels, or other creatures; all those who worship images; all enchanters, diviners, charmers, and those who confide in such enchantments; all despisers of God and His Word, and of the Holy Sacraments; all blasphemers; all those who are given to raise discord, sects, and mutiny, in church or state; all perjured persons; all those who are disobedient to their parents and superiors; all murderers, contentious persons, and those who live in hatred and envy against their neighbors; all adulterers, whoremongers, drunkards, thieves, usurers, robbers, gamesters, covetous; and all who lead offensive lives.

All these, while they continue in such sins, shall

abstain from this meat, which Christ hath ordained only for the faithful, lest their judgment and condemnation be made the heavier.

But this is not designed, dearly beloved brethren and sisters in the Lord, to deject the contrite hearts of the faithful, as if none might come to the Supper of the Lord, but those who are without sin. For we do not come to this Supper to testify thereby that we are perfect and righteous in ourselves; but on the contrary, considering that we seek our life out of ourselves, in Jesus Christ, we acknowledge that we lie in the midst of death. Therefore, notwithstanding we feel many infirmities and miseries in ourselves; as namely, that we have not perfect faith, and that we do not give ourselves to serve God with such zeal as we are bound, but have daily to strive with the weakness of our faith, and the evil lusts of our flesh; yet, since we are, by the grace of the Holy Ghost, sorry for these weaknesses, and earnestly desirous to fight against our unbelief, and to live according to all the commandments of God, therefore we rest assured that no sin or infirmity, which still remaineth, against our will, in us, can hinder us from being received of God in mercy, and from being made worthy partakers of this heavenly meat and drink.

II.

BELOVED in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us now also consider to what end the Lord hath instituted His Supper, namely, that we *do it in remembrance of Him.* Now, after this manner are we to remember Him by it.

1. That we be confidently persuaded in our hearts, that our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the promises made to our forefathers in the Old Testament, was sent of the Father into the world: that He assumed our flesh and blood: that He bore for us the wrath of God, under which we should have perished everlastingly, from the beginning of His incarnation to the end of His life upon earth: that He fulfilled for us all obedience to the divine law, and righteousness, especially when the weight of our sins and the wrath of God pressed out of Him the bloody sweat in the garden, where He was bound that we might be freed from our sins: that He afterward suffered innumerable reproaches, that we might never be confounded; that He, although innocent, was condemned to death, that we might be acquitted at the judgment-seat of God: yea, that He suffered His blessed body to be nailed on the cross, that He might affix thereon the handwriting of our sins: that He also took upon Himself the curse due to us, that He might fill us with His blessings: that He humbled Himself unto the deepest reproach and pains of hell, both in body and soul, on the tree of the cross, when he cried out with a loud voice, *My God, My God! why hast*

thou forsaken me? that we might be accepted of God, and never be forsaken of Him: and finally that He confirmed, with His death and shedding of His blood, the new and eternal testament, that covenant of grace and reconciliation, when He said, *It is finished.*

2. And, that we might firmly believe that we belong to this Covenant of Grace, the Lord Jesus Christ, in His Last Supper, "took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, Take, eat, this is My body which is broken for you, this do in remembrance of Me: in like manner also, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks and said, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins; this do ye, as often as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me." That is, as often as ye eat of this bread, and drink of this cup, you shall thereby, as by a sure remembrance and pledge, be admonished and assured of this My hearty love and faithfulness toward you: that whereas you should otherwise have suffered eternal death, I have given My body to the death of the cross, and shed My blood for you; and as certainly feed and nourish your hungry and thirsty soul with My crucified body and shed blood to everlasting life, as this bread is broken before your eyes, and this cup is given to you, and you eat and drink the same with your mouth, in remembrance of Me.

From this institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, we see that He directs our faith

and trust to His Perfect Sacrifice, once offered on the cross, as to the only ground and foundation of our salvation; wherein He is become to our hungry and thirsty souls, the true meat and drink of life eternal. For by His death He hath taken away the cause of our eternal death and misery, namely, sin; and obtained for us the Quickening Spirit, that we by the same, which dwelleth in Christ as the Head, and in us as His members, might have true communion with Him, and be made partakers of all His blessings, of life eternal, righteousness, and glory.

Besides, that we, by the same Spirit may also be united as members of one Body, in true brotherly love; as the holy Apostle saith, "For we, being many, are one bread and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread." For as out of many grains one meal is ground and one bread baked, and out of many berries being pressed together, one wine floweth and mixeth itself together; so shall we all, who by a true faith are ingrafted into Christ, through brotherly love be altogether one body, for the sake of Christ, our Beloved Saviour, who hath so exceedingly loved us; and shall show this, not only in word, but also in very deed toward one another.

Hereto assist us, the Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, through His Holy Spirit! AMEN.

That we may obtain all this, let us humble ourselves before God, and with true faith implore His grace.

PRAYER.

O Most Merciful God and Father, we beseech Thee, that Thou wilt be pleased, in this Supper, in which we celebrate the glorious remembrance of the bitter death of Thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ, to work in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, that we may daily, more and more, with true confidence, give ourselves up unto Thy Son Jesus Christ, so that our afflicted and contrite hearts, through the power of the Holy Ghost, may be fed and comforted with His true body and blood; yea, with Him, True God and Man, that Only Heavenly Bread: and that we may no longer live in our sins, but He in us, and we in Him; and thus truly be made partakers of the new and everlasting testament and covenant of grace: that we may not doubt that Thou wilt for ever be our Gracious Father, never more imputing our sins unto us, and providing us, as Thy beloved children and heirs, with all things necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Grant us also Thy grace, that we may take upon us our cross cheerfully, deny ourselves, confess our Saviour, and in all tribulations, with uplifted heads expect our Lord Jesus Christ from heaven, where He will make our mortal bodies like unto His most glorious body, and take us unto Him in eternity.

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME: THY KINGDOM COME: THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD: AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS:

AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL: FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER. AMEN.

Strengthen us also by this Holy Supper in the Catholic undoubted Christian Faith, whereof we make confession with our mouths and hearts, saying: *

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH;

AND IN JESUS CHRIST HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD; WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY GHOST, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD AND BURIED; HE DESCENDED INTO HELL; THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN; AND SITTETH AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY; FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST; THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS; THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS; THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY; AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

That we may be now fed with the True Heavenly Bread, Christ Jesus, let us not cleave with our hearts unto the external bread and wine, but lift them up on high in heaven, where Christ Jesus is our Advocate, at the right hand of His Heavenly Father, whither all the Articles of our Faith lead us; not

* The words "*with our mouths and hearts*," evidently require the *audible* confession of these "Articles of the Christian Faith," both by the Minister and the people. And such was the ancient usage. It is recommended that it be restored.

doubting that, through the working of the Holy Ghost, we shall as certainly be fed and refreshed in our souls with His Body and Blood, as we receive the holy bread and wine, in remembrance of Him.

In breaking and distributing the bread, the Minister shall say:

The bread which we break, is the communion of the Body of Christ.

And when he giveth the cup:

The cup of blessing, which we bless, is the communion of the Blood of Christ.

During the Communion, a Psalm shall or may be devoutly sung, or some chapter read, in remembrance of the death of Christ, as Isaiah liii, John xiii, xiv, xv, xvi, xvii, xviii, or the like.

III.

After the Communion the Minister shall say:

BELOVED IN THE LORD, since the Lord hath now fed our souls at His table, let us therefore jointly praise His Holy Name, with thanksgiving, and every one say in his heart thus:

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless His Holy Name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And forget not all His benefits.
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
Who healeth all thy diseases.
Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;
Who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies.

The Lord is merciful and gracious;
Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
He hath not dealt with us after our sins;
Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
For as the heaven is high above the earth;
So great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.
As far as the East is from the West;
So far hath He removed our transgressions from us.
Like as a father pitieth his children;
So the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

Who hath not spared His Own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, and given us all things with Him. Therefore God commendeth therewith His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us; much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For, if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son; much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord from this time forth for evermore. AMEN.

Let every one say with an attentive heart:

O ALMIGHTY, Merciful God and Father, we render Thee most humble and hearty thanks, that Thou hast, of Thine infinite mercy, given us Thine Only Begotten Son, for a Mediator and a Sacrifice for our sins, and to be our Meat and Drink unto life eternal; and that Thou givest us lively faith, whereby we are made partakers of these Thy benefits.

Thou hast also been pleased, that Thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ should institute and ordain His Holy Supper for the confirmation of the same. Grant, we beseech Thee, O Faithful God and Father, that through the operation of Thy Holy Spirit, the commemoration of the death of our Lord Jesus Christ may tend to the daily increase of our faith, and of our saving fellowship with Him: Through Jesus Christ Thy Son, in whose Name we conclude our prayers, saying:

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME: THY KINGDOM COME: THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD: AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS: AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL: FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER. AMEN.

VIII.

Church Discipline.

EXCOMMUNICATION.

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, it is known unto you, that we have several times, and by several methods declared unto you the great sin committed, and the heinous offence given by our fellow member N., to the end that he, by your Christian admonition, and prayers to God, might be brought to repentance, and so be freed from the bonds of the devil by whom he is held captive, and be recovered by the will of the Lord. But we cannot conceal from you, with great sorrow, that no one has as yet appeared before us, who hath in the least given us to understand that he, by the frequent admonitions given him, as well in private, as before witnesses, and in the presence of many, is come to any remorse for his sins, or hath shown the least token of true repentance. Since then by his stubbornness, he daily aggravates his sin, which in itself is not small,

and since we lately signified unto you that in case he did not repent, after such patience shown him by the Church, we should be under the disagreeable necessity of being further grieved for him, and should come to the last remedy: we at this present are necessitated to proceed to this excommunication, according to the command and charge given us by God in his Holy Word; to the end that he may hereby be made, if possible, ashamed of his sins; and likewise that we may not, by this rotten, and as yet incurable member, put the whole body of the Church in danger, and that God's Name may not be blasphemed.

Therefore, we, the Ministers and rulers of the Church of God, being here assembled; in the name and authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, declare before you all, that for the aforesaid reasons we have excommunicated, and by these do excommunicate N. from the Church of God, and from the fellowship of Christ and of the Holy Sacraments, and from all the spiritual blessings and benefits, which God promises to and bestows upon His Church, so long as he obstinately and impenitently persists in his sins; and he is therefore to be accounted by you as a heathen man and a publican, according to the command of Christ, who saith that whatsoever His ministers shall bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven.

Further, we exhort you, beloved Christians, to keep no company with him, that he may be ashamed; yet count him not as an enemy, but at all times admonish him as you would a brother. In the

mean time let every one take warning by this and such like examples, to fear the Lord, and diligently take heed unto himself, *if he thinketh he standeth, lest he fall;* but having true fellowship with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ, together with all faithful Christians, remain steadfast therein to the end, and so to obtain eternal salvation! You have seen, beloved brethren and sisters, in what manner this our excomunicated brother has begun to fall, and by degrees is come to ruin; observe, therefore, how subtle Satan is, to bring man to destruction, and to withdraw him from all salutary means of salvation. Guard, then, against the least beginnings of evil, "and laying aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith. Be sober; watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. To-day, if you will hear the voice of the Lord, harden not your hearts, but work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;" and let every one repent of his sins, that our God may not humble us again, and we be obliged to bewail some one of you; but that you, living with one accord in all godliness, may be our crown and joy in the Lord.

Since it is God who worketh in us, both to will and to do of his good pleasure, let us call upon His Holy Name with confession of our sins, saying:

PRAYER.

O RIGHTEOUS God and Merciful Father, we bewail our sins before Thy High Majesty, and acknowledge that we have deserved the grief and sorrow caused us by the cutting off of this our late fellow member; yea, shouldst Thou enter into judgment with us, we all deserve, by reason of our great transgressions, to be cut off and banished from Thy presence. But, O Lord, Thou art merciful unto us for Christ's sake; forgive us our trespasses, for we heartily repent of them, and daily work in our hearts a greater measure of sorrow for them; that we, fearing Thy judgments which Thou executest against the stiff-necked, may endeavor to please Thee. Help us to avoid all pollution of the world, and of those who are cut off from the communion of the Church, that we may not make ourselves partakers of their sins; and grant that he, who is excommunicated, may become ashamed of his sins. And since Thou desirest not the death of a sinner. but that he may repent and live, and since the bosom of Thy Church is alway open for those, who turn away from their wickedness; we, therefore, humbly beseech Thee, to kindle in our hearts a pious zeal, that we may labor, with Christian admonitions and examples, to bring again this excommunicated person into the right way, together with all those who, through unbelief or dissoluteness of life, go astray.

Give Thy blessing to our admonitions, that we may have reason thereby to rejoice again in him,

for whom we must now mourn; and that Thy Holy Name may be praised, through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath taught us to pray:

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME: THY KINGDOM COME: THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD: AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS: AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL: FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER. AMEN.

II.

READMITTING EXCOMMUNICATED PERSONS INTO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

BELOVED IN THE LORD, it is known unto you, that some time ago our fellow member N. was cut off from the Church of Christ; we cannot now conceal from you, that he, by the above mentioned remedy, as also by the means of good admonition and your Christian prayers, is come so far, that he is ashamed of his sins, praying us to be re-admitted into the communion of the Church.

Since we then, by virtue of the command of God, are in duty bound to receive such persons with joy, and it being necessary that good order should be used therein, we therefore give you to understand hereby, that we purpose to loose again the aforementioned excommunicated person from

the bond of excommunication, the next time when by the grace of God we celebrate the Supper of the Lord, and receive him again into the communion of the Church; except any one of you, in the mean time, shall show just cause why this ought not to be done, of which you must give notice to us in due time. In the mean time, let every one thank the Lord for the mercy shown this poor sinner, beseeching Him to perfect his work in him to his eternal salvation. AMEN.

Afterwards, if no impediment be alleged, the Minister shall proceed to the re-admission of the excommunicated person, in the following manner:

BELOVED CHRISTIANS, we have the last time informed you of the repentance of our fellow member N. to the end that he might with your foreknowledge be received into the Church of Christ; and whereas no one has alleged any thing why his re-admission ought not to take place, we therefore, at present, purpose to proceed to the same.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Matt. 18, having confirmed the sentence of His Church, in the excommunication of impenitent sinners, declareth immediately thereupon, *that whatsoever his Ministers shall loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven;* whereby He giveth to understand, that when any person is cut off from His Church he is not deprived of all hope of salvation; but can again be loosed from the bonds of condemnation. Therefore, since God declares in His Word, that He takes no pleasure in the death of a sinner, but that he turn from his wickedness and live, so the Church always hopes for the repentance of the backsliding sinner, and keepeth her bosom

open to receive the penitent; accordingly the Apostle Paul, 1 Cor. 5, commanded the Corinthian (whom he had declared ought to be cut off from the Church) to be again received and comforted, since being reproved by many, he was come to the knowledge of his sins: to the end that he should not be swallowed up with over-much sorrow. 2 Cor. 2.

Secondly, Christ teaches us in the aforementioned text, that the sentence of absolution, which is passed upon such a penitent sinner according to the word of God, is counted sure and firm by the Lord; therefore, no one ought to doubt in the least, who truly repents, that he is assuredly received by God in mercy, as Christ saith, John, Chap. 20, *Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them.*

But now to proceed to the matter in hand: I ask thee, N. whether thou dost declare here with all thine heart before God and His Church, that thou art sincerely sorry for the sin and stubbornness, for which thou hast justly been cut off from the Church: whether thou dost also truly believe, that the Lord hath forgiven thee, and doth forgive thy sins for Christ's sake, and that thou therefore art desirous to be re-admitted into the Church of Christ, promising henceforth to live in all godliness according to the command of the Lord?

Answer. Yes, verily.

Then the Minister shall further say,

We, then, here assembled in the Name and authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, declare thee N. to be absolved from the bonds of excommunication; and do receive thee again into the Church of

the Lord, and declare unto thee that thou art in the communion of Christ and of the Holy Sacraments, and of all the spiritual blessings and benefits of God which He promiseth to and bestoweth upon His Church: may the Eternal God preserve thee therein, to the end, through His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Be therefore assured in thy heart, my beloved brother, that the Lord hath again received thee in mercy. Be diligent henceforward to guard thyself against the subtlety of Satan, and the wickedness of the world, to the end that thou mayest not fall again into sin: love Christ, for many sins are forgiven thee.

And you, beloved Christians, receive this your brother with hearty affection; be glad that he was dead and is alive again, he was lost and is found; rejoice with the angels of heaven, over this sinner who repenteth: count him no longer as a stranger, but as a fellow citizen with the saints, and of the household of God. And whereas we can have no good of ourselves, let us, praising and magnifying the Lord Almighty, implore His mercy, saying,

PRAYER.

GRACIOUS GOD AND FATHER, we thank Thee, through Jesus Christ, that Thou hast been pleased to give this our fellow brother repentance unto life, and us cause to rejoice in his conversion. We beseech Thee, show him Thy mercy, that he may become more and more assured in his mind of the

remission of his sins, and that he may receive from thence inexpressible joy and delight to serve Thee. And whereas he hath heretofore by his sins offended many, grant that he may, by his conversion, edify many. Grant also that he may steadfastly walk in Thy ways, to the end; and may we learn from this example, that with Thee is mercy, that Thou mayest be feared; and that we, counting him for our brother and co-heir of life eternal, may jointly serve Thee with filial fear and obedience all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose Name we thus conclude our prayer:

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME: THY KINGDOM COME: THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD: AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS: AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL: FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER. AMEN.

IX.

Forms of Ordination.

I.

FOR ORDAINING THE MINISTERS OF GOD'S WORD.

The sermon and the usual prayers being finished, the Minister shall thus speak to the Congregation:

Beloved Brethren: it is known unto you, that we have now at three different times published the name of our brother N., here present, to learn whether any person had aught to offer concerning his doctrine or life, why he might not be ordained to the Ministry of the Word. And, whereas, no one hath appeared before us, who hath alleged any thing lawful against his person, we shall therefore at present, in the Name of the Lord, proceed to his ordination. For which purpose, you N., and all those who are here present, shall first attend to a short declaration taken from the Word of God, touching the Institution and the Office of Pastors and Ministers of God's Word:

Where, in the first place, you are to observe, that God our Heavenly Father, willing to call and gather a Church from amongst the corrupt race of men unto life eternal, doth by a particular mark of His favor use the ministry of men therein. There-

fore the Apostle Paul saith, that the Lord Jesus Christ "gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Here we see that the Holy Apostle among other things saith, that the Pastoral office is an Institution of Christ.

What this Holy Office enjoins, may easily be gathered from the very name itself; for as it is the duty of a common shepherd, to feed, guide, protect, and rule the flock committed to his charge; so it is with regard to these spiritual shepherds, who are set over the Church which God calleth unto salvation, and counts as sheep of His pasture. The pasture with which these sheep are fed, is nothing but the preaching of the Gospel, accompanied with Prayer, and the administration of the Holy Sacraments. The same Word of God is likewise the staff with which the flock is guided and ruled. Consequently, it is evident that the office of Pastors and Ministers of God's Word is:

First, That they faithfully explain to their flock, the Word of the Lord, revealed by the writings of the prophets and the apostles; and apply the same, as well in general as in particular, to the edification of the hearers; instructing, admonishing, comforting, and reproving, according to every one's need; preaching repentance towards God, and reconciliation with Him through faith in Christ; and refuting with the Holy Scriptures all schisms and heresies which are repugnant to the pure doctrine. All

this is clearly signified to us in Holy Writ; for the Apostle Paul saith, that these labor in the Word; and elsewhere he teaches that this must be done according to the measure [or rule] of faith. He writes also that a Pastor must hold fast and rightly divide the faithful and sincere Word which is according to the doctrine: "likewise, he that prophesieth [that is, preacheth God's Word], speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.' In another place, he proposes himself as a pattern to Pastors, declaring that he "publicly, and from house to house, taught, and testified repentance towards God, and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ." But particularly we have a clear description of the office of Ministers of God's Word, (2 Cor. 5: 18–20), where the Apostle thus speaketh, "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us [namely to the Apostles and Pastors], the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now, then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." Concerning the refutation of false doctrine, the same Apostle saith (Tit. 1: 9), that a Minister must "hold fast the faithful Word of God, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and convince the gainsayers."

Secondly. It is the Office of the Ministers, publicly to call upon the Name of the Lord in behalf of the

whole congregation; for that which the Apostles say, "We will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word," is common to these Pastors and the Apostles; to which St. Paul, alluding, thus speaketh to Timothy: "I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks, be made for all men: for kings, and for all that are in authority," etc., (1 Tim. 2: 1, 2).

Thirdly. Their Office is to administer the Sacraments which the Lord hath instituted as seals of His grace; as is evident from the command given by Christ to the Apostles, and in them to all Pastors: "Baptize them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Likewise, "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you," etc.

Finally. It is the duty of the Ministers of the Word, to keep the Church of God in good discipline, and to govern it in such a manner as the Lord hath ordained. For Christ, having spoken of the Christian discipline, says to His Apostles, "Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven." And St. Paul will have the Ministers know how to rule their own house, since they otherwise neither can provide for, nor rule the Church of God. This is the reason why the Pastors are in Scripture called *Stewards of God and Bishops*, that is, overseers and watchmen; for they have the oversight of the house of God, wherein they are conversant, to the end that every thing may be transacted with good order and decency; and, also,

that they may open and shut, with the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven committed to them, according to the charge given them by God.

From these things may be learned, what a glorious work the Ministerial Office is; since so great things are effected by it; yea, how highly necessary it is for man's salvation: which is also the reason why the Lord will have such an Office always to remain. For Christ said when He sent forth His Apostles to officiate in this holy function, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world;" where we see His pleasure is, that this Holy Office, (for the persons to whom he here speaketh could not live to the end of the world), should always be maintained on earth. And, therefore, St. Paul exhorted Timothy, "to commit that which he had heard of him to faithful men, who should be able to teach others"; as he also, having ordained Titus, minister, further commanded him to "ordain elders in every city," (Tit. 1 : 5).

Forasmuch therefore as we, for the maintaining of this office in the Church of God, are now to ordain a new Minister of the Word, and have sufficiently spoken of the Office of such persons; therefore you, N., shall answer to the following questions, to the end that it may appear to all here present, that you are inclined to accept of this Office as above described.

First. I ask thee, dost thou feel in thy heart that thou art lawfully called of God's Church, and, therefore, of God Himself, to this Holy Ministry?

Secondly. Dost thou believe the books of the Old

and New Testament to be the only Word of God, and the perfect doctrine unto salvation; and dost thou reject all doctrines repugnant thereto?

Thirdly. Dost thou promise faithfully to discharge thy office, according to the same doctrine as above described, and to adorn it with a godly life; also, to submit thyself, in case thou shouldst become delinquent, either in life or doctrine, to ecclesiastical admonition, according to the public ordinance of the churches?

To which the Candidate shall give answer.

Answer. Yes, truly, with all my heart.

Then the Minister, who did demand those questions of him, and other Ministers who are present, shall lay their hands * on his head and say:

GOD, our Heavenly Father, who hath called thee to this Holy Ministry, enlighten thee with His Holy Spirit; strengthen thee with His hand; and so govern thee in thy Ministry, that thou mayest decently and fruitfully walk therein, to the glory of His Name, and the propagation of the Kingdom of His Son Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Then the Minister shall, from the pulpit, exhort the ordained Minister, and the congregation, in the following manner:

TAKE heed, therefore, beloved brother and fellow-servant in Christ, unto yourself and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you Overseer, to feed the Church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood: love Christ, and

* This ceremony shall not be used in ordaining those who have before been in the ministry.

feed His sheep, taking the oversight of them not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lord over God's heritage, but as an example to the flock. Be an example of believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee; meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all; take heed to thy doctrine, and continue steadfast therein. Bear patiently all sufferings and oppressions, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee. And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, thou shalt receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

And you, likewise, beloved Christians, receive this your Minister in the Lord with all gladness, "and hold such in reputation." Remember that God Himself through him speaketh unto you and beseecheth you. Receive the word, which he, according to the Scripture, shall preach unto you, "not as the word of man, but, as it is in truth, the Word of God." Let the feet of those that preach the Gospel of Peace, and bring glad tidings of good things, be beautiful and pleasant unto you. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you. If you do these things, it shall come to pass, that the peace of God shall enter into your houses.

and that you, who receive this man in the name of a prophet, shall receive a prophet's reward, and through his preaching, believing in Christ, you shall through Christ inherit life eternal. Since no man is of himself fit for any of these things, let us call upon God with thanksgiving:

PRAYER.

MERCIFUL FATHER, we thank Thee that it pleaseth Thee, by the ministry of men, to gather a Church to Thyself unto life eternal, from among the lost children of men. We bless Thee for so graciously providing the Church in this place with a faithful Minister. We beseech Thee to qualify him daily more and more by Thy Holy Spirit, for the ministry to which Thou hast ordained and called him. Enlighten his understanding to comprehend Thy Holy Word, and give him utterance, that he may boldly open his mouth, to make known and dispense the mysteries of the Gospel. Endue him with wisdom and valor to rule aright the people over which he is set, and to preserve them in Christian peace; to the end that Thy Church, under his administration and by his good example, may increase in number and in virtue. Grant him courage to bear the difficulties and troubles which he may meet with in his ministry; that being strengthened by the comfort of Thy Spirit, he may remain steadfast to the end, and be received with all faithful servants into the joy of His Master.

Give Thy grace also to this people and Church,

that they may becomingly deport themselves towards this their Minister; that they may acknowledge him to be sent of Thee; that they may receive his doctrine with all reverence and submit themselves to his exhortations; to the end that they may, by his word, believing in Christ, be made partakers of eternal life. Hear us, O Father, through Thy Beloved Son, who hath taught us to pray:

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME: THY KINGDOM COME: THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD: AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS: AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL: FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER. AMEN

II.

FOR ORDAINING ELDERS AND DEACONS.*

When Ordained at the same time; if Ordained separately, this Form shall be used as occasion requires.

BELOVED CHRISTIANS: you know that we have several times published unto you the names of our brethren here present, who are chosen to the office of Elders and Deacons in this Church, to the end that we might know whether any person had aught to allege, why they should not be ordained to their respective offices. And, whereas, no one hath appeared before us, who hath alleged anything lawful against them, we shall, therefore, at present, in the name of the Lord, proceed to their ordination.

But first, you, who are to be ordained, and all those who are here present, shall attend to a short declaration from the Word of God, concerning the institution and the office of Elders and Deacons.

Of the ELDERS it is to be observed, that the word Elder or Eldest (which is taken out of the Old Testament, and signifieth a person who is placed in an honorable office of government over others) is applied to two sorts of persons who administer in the Church of Jesus Christ: for the Apostle saith, "the Elders that rule well shall be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the Word and doctrine." Hence, it is evident that there were two sorts of Elders in the Apostolic Church, the

* Elders and Deacons may be re-elected; but, in such case, need not be re-ordained.—CONSTITUTION, IV., 7.

former whereof did labor in the Word and doctrine, and the latter did not. The first were the Ministers of the Word and Pastors, who preached the Gospel and administered the Sacraments; but the others, who did not labor in the Word, and still did serve in the Church, bore a particular office, namely, that they had the oversight of the Church, and ruled the same with the Ministers of the Word. For St. Paul (*Rom.* 12:8), having spoken of the ministry of the Word, and also of the office of distribution or deaconship, speaketh afterwards particularly of this office, saying: "He that ruleth, let him do it with diligence." Likewise, in another place, he counts "governments" among the gifts and offices which God hath instituted in the Church (1 *Cor.* 12:28). Thus we see that these sorts of Ministers are added to the others who preach the Gospel, to aid and assist them, as in the Old Testament the common Levites were to the priests in the service of the tabernacle, in those things which they could not perform alone; notwithstanding, the offices always remained distinct one from the other.

Moreover, it is proper that such men should be joined to the Ministers of the Word in the government of the Church, that thereby all tyranny and lording may be kept out of the Church of God, which may sooner creep in, when the government is placed in the hands of one alone, or of a very few. And thus, the Ministers of the Word, together with the Elders, form a body or assembly, being as a council of the Church, representing the whole Church; to which Christ alludes when He saith: "*Tell the Church;*" which can in no wise be understood of all

and every member of the Church, in particular, but very properly of those who govern the Church, out of which they are chosen.

Therefore, in the *first* place, the office of the Elders is, together with the Ministers of the Word, to take the oversight of the Church, which is committed to them, and diligently to look, whether every one properly deports himself in his confession and conversation; to admonish those who behave themselves disorderly, and to prevent, as much as possible, the Sacraments from being profaned; also to act, according to the Christian discipline, against the impenitent, and to receive the penitent again into the bosom of the Church: as it doth appear, not only from the above mentioned saying of Christ, but also from many other places of Holy Writ (as 1 *Cor.* 5, and 2 *Cor.* 2), that these things are not entrusted to only one or two persons, but to many who are ordained thereto.

Secondly. Since the Apostle enjoineth, that all things shall be done decently and in order, amongst Christians, and that no other persons ought to serve in the Church of Christ but those who are lawfully called, according to the Christian ordinance; therefore it is also the duty of the Elders to pay regard to it, and in all occurrences which relate to the welfare and good order of the Church, to be assistant with their good counsel and advice to the Ministers of the Word; yea, also, to serve all Christians with advice and consolation.

Thirdly. It is also their duty particularly to have regard unto the doctrine and conversation of the Ministers of the Word, to the end that all things

may be directed to the edification of the Church; and that no strange doctrine be taught, according to that which we read (*Acts* 20), where the Apostle exhorteth to watch diligently against the wolves, which might come into the sheep-fold of Christ: for the performance of which the Elders are in duty bound diligently to search the Word of God: and continually to be meditating on the mysteries of faith.

Concerning the DEACONS: of the origin and institution of their office we may read, *Acts* 6, where we find that the Apostles themselves did in the beginning serve the poor; 'at whose feet was brought the price of the things that were sold: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. But afterwards, when a murmuring arose, because the widows of the Grecians were neglected in the daily ministration,' men were chosen, by the advice of the Apostles, who should make the service of the poor their peculiar business, to the end that the Apostles might continually give themselves to prayer, and to the Ministry of the Word.

And this has been continued from that time forward in the Church, as appears from *Rom.* 12 : 8, where the Apostle, speaking of this office, saith, "*He that giveth, let him do it with simplicity.*" And (1 *Cor.* 12 : 28), speaking of "*helps*," he means those who are appointed in the Church to help and assist the poor and indigent in time of need; from which passage we may easily gather, what the Deacons' office is; namely:

That they, in the *first* place, collect and preserve, with greatest fidelity and diligence, the alms and

goods which are given to the poor; yea, use their utmost endeavors, that many good means be procured for the relief of the poor.

The *second* part of their office consists in distribution; wherein are required not only discretion and prudence, to bestow the alms only on objects of charity, but also cheerfulness and simplicity to assist the poor with compassion and hearty affection; as the Apostle requires (*Rom.* 12, and 2 *Cor.* 9). For which end it is very beneficial, that they administer relief to the poor and indigent, not only with external gifts, but also with comfortable words from Scripture.

To the end, therefore, beloved brethren, N., N., that every one may hear that you are willing to take your respective offices upon you, ye shall answer the following questions:

And in the *first* place, I ask you, both Elders and Deacons, whether ye feel in your hearts, that ye are lawfully called of God's Church, and consequently of God Himself, to these your respective holy offices.

Secondly. Do ye believe the books of the Old and New Testament to be the only Word of God, and the perfect doctrine of salvation; and do ye reject all doctrines repugnant thereto?

Thirdly. Do ye promise, agreeably to said doctrine, faithfully according to your ability, to discharge your respective offices, as they are here described: Ye Elders, in the government of the Church together with the Ministers of the Word: and ye Deacons, in the ministrations to the poor: Do ye also jointly promise to walk in all godliness, and to

submit yourselves, in case ye should become remiss in your duty, to the admonitions of the Church?

Upon which they shall answer:

Yes.

Then the Minister shall say:

The Almighty God and Father replenish you all with His grace, that ye may faithfully and fruitfully discharge your respective offices. AMEN.

The Minister shall further exhort them, and the whole congregation, in the following manner:

Therefore, ye Elders, be diligent in the government of the Church, which is committed to you, and the Ministers of the Word. Be ye also, as watchmen over the house and city of God, faithful to admonish and to caution every one against his ruin. Take heed that purity of doctrine and godliness of life be maintained in the Church of God.

And, ye Deacons, be diligent in collecting the alms, prudent and cheerful in the distribution of the same: assist the oppressed, provide for the true widows and orphans, show liberality unto all men, but especially to the household of faith. Be ye all with one accord faithful in your offices, and hold the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience, being good examples unto all the people. In so doing you will purchase to yourselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus; and hereafter enter into the joy of your Lord.

On the other hand, beloved Christians, receive

these men as the servants of God. Count the Elders that rule well, worthy of double honor. Give yourselves willingly to their inspection and government. Provide the Deacons with good means to assist the indigent. Be charitable, ye rich; give liberally, and contribute willingly. And, ye poor, be poor in spirit, and deport yourself respectfully towards your benefactors. Be thankful to them, and avoid murmuring. Follow Christ, for the food of your souls, but not for bread. Let him that stole, (or hath been burthensome to his neighbor,) steal no more; but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

Each of you, doing these things in your respective callings, shall receive of the Lord, the reward of righteousness. But since we are unable of ourselves, let us call upon the name of the Lord, saying:

PRAYER.

O LORD GOD and Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that it hath pleased Thee, for the better edification of Thy Church, to ordain in it, besides the Ministers of the Word, rulers and assistants, by whom Thy Church may be preserved in peace and prosperity, and the indigent assisted; and that Thou hast at present granted us in this place, men who are of good testimony, and we hope, endowed with Thy Spirit. We beseech Thee, replenish them more and more with such gifts as may be necessary for them in their ministrations; with the gifts of

wisdom, courage, discretion, and benevolence; to the end that every one, may, in his respective office, acquit himself as is becoming; the Elders, in taking diligent heed unto the doctrine and conversation, in keeping out the wolves from the sheepfold of Thy beloved Son, and in admonishing and reproving disorderly persons: in like manner, the Deacons, in carefully receiving, and liberally and prudently distributing the alms to the poor, and in comforting them with Thy Holy Word. Give grace both to the Elders and Deacons, that they may persevere in their faithful labor, and never become weary by reason of any trouble, pain, or persecution of the world. Grant, also, especially Thy divine grace to this people, over whom they are placed, that they may willingly submit themselves to the good exhortations of the Elders, counting them worthy of honor for their works' sake. Give also unto the rich liberal hearts towards the poor, and to the poor, grateful hearts towards those who help and serve them; to the end that every one acquitting himself of his duty, Thy Holy Name may thereby be magnified, and the kingdom of Thy Son Jesus Christ, enlarged, in whose Name we conclude our prayers:

OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME: THY KINGDOM COME: THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD: AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS: AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL: FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER. AMEN.

X.

Office for the Installation of a Minister.

The sermon and usual prayers being ended, the Minister presiding shall say:

Beloved brethren: it is known unto you that at three separate times, has been published to you the name of our brother, here present, to learn whether any person had aught to allege concerning his doctrine or life, why he might not be installed Minister of this church: And whereas no lawful objection has been presented, we shall, therefore, in the Name of the Lord, proceed to his installation.

For His own glory in the salvation of men, it hath pleased our Lord Jesus Christ to institute various offices in His Church. Accordingly, it is declared in Holy Scripture, that our ascended Lord hath given "some, apostles, and some, prophets, and some, evangelists, and some, pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Of these, in the present condition of the Church, the pastoral office is the first both in dignity and

responsibility. It is instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ.

It belongs to the Office of a Minister of Christ to present the worship of the people to God; to read the Holy Scriptures in the public service; to feed the flock committed to his charge with the pure Gospel of Christ; to administer the Holy Sacraments agreeably to the institution of Christ; to maintain Christian discipline; to comfort them that are afflicted in mind, body, or estate; to reclaim the erring, having compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; to teach, direct, counsel as a father, the children; and thus, in all vigilant and faithful service to make full proof of his ministry.

In the discharge of these holy functions, he is entitled to the respect, gratitude, love, and obedience of the people of his charge. It is incumbent on them by the will and command of Him that sent him, to receive him as the ambassador of Christ. By a suitable maintenance to enable him to provide things honest in the sight of all men; to keep him free of distracting care; to guard jealously his reputation; to wait on his ministry with reverence and affection; to help him by generous sympathy, and faithful fellow-working and earnest prayer; to submit to his guidance; to further his work, and to be followers of him as he is of Christ; as the holy Apostle enjoins:

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves, for they watch for your souls as they that must give account, that they may do it

with joy and not with grief;" and again, "We beseech you to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake."

To the end, then, beloved Brother and fellow-Minister of Christ, that it may appear that thou art willing to take the oversight of this flock of God to which He has called thee in His holy providence we demand of thee, in the presence of God and these witnesses:

1. Dost thou believe the books of the Old and New Testament to be the only Word of God and the perfect doctrine unto salvation, and dost thou reject all doctrines repugnant thereto?

2. Dost thou promise faithfully to discharge thine office according to the same doctrine, and to adorn it with a godly life; also to submit thyself, in case thou shouldst become delinquent either in life or doctrine, to ecclesiastical admonition, according to the public ordinance of the churches?

3. Wilt thou with the help of God, fulfil all the duty of a faithful Minister of Christ to this Church, preaching the Word of God in sincerity, administering the Holy Sacraments in purity; maintaining proper discipline in the house of God; and using thy whole endeavor to promote the denominational work and welfare of the Reformed Church in America?

To which the Minister Elect shall give answer:

Yes, truly, with all my heart.

Then the Minister presiding shall say:

God, our Heavenly Father, who hath called thee to the Holy Ministry, and to take the oversight of this Church, enlighten thee with His Holy Spirit, strengthen thee with His hand; and so govern thee in thy Ministry, that thou mayest decently and fruitfully walk therein, to the glory of His Name, and to the advancement of the Kingdom of His Son Jesus Christ. AMEN.

The Church having been requested to arise, the Minister Presiding shall say:

Inasmuch, Beloved Brethren and Members of this Church, as this most solemn procedure of investing our brother with the charge and oversight of you, involves, as well, obligations and duties on your part toward him: I ask of you before God and our Lord Jesus Christ:

1. Do you hereby receive, in the Name of the Lord, His servant, our brother, to be your Minister?

2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his lips with meekness and love; and to submit to him in the due discharge of his Holy Office?

3. Do you promise to give him all proper love and obedience in the Lord; to encourage and help him in his holy work; and to labor with him in faith and prayer, for the honor of Christ and the welfare of men?

4. Do you engage to continue to him, while he remains your Minister, competent worldly maintenance, as you have promised, and whatever else

the honor of religion and his comfort among you may require?

To which they shall give answer audibly:

YES!

Then the Minister Presiding shall exhort the installed Minister and Congregation in the following manner:

TAKE heed, therefore, beloved brother, and fellow-servant in Christ, unto yourself and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you Overseer, to feed the Church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood: love Christ, and feed His sheep, taking the oversight of them not by constraint, but willingly: not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lord over God's heritage, but as an example to the flock. Be an example of believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee; meditate upon these things, give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all: take heed to thy doctrine, and continue steadfast therein. Bear patiently all hardship, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee. And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, thou shalt receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

And you likewise, beloved Christians, receive this your Minister in the Lord, with all gladness, "and hold such in reputation." Remember that God Himself, through him, speaketh unto you and

beseecheth you. Receive the Word, which he, according to the Scripture, shall preach unto you, "not as the word of man, but (as it is in truth) the Word of God." Let the feet of those that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things, be beautiful and pleasant unto you. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you. If you do these things, it shall come to pass, that the peace of God shall enter into your houses, and that you who receive this man in the name of a prophet, shall receive a prophet's reward, and through his preaching, believing in Christ, you shall through Christ inherit life eternal.

Since no man is of himself fit for any of these things, let us call upon God with thanksgiving:

PRAYER.

MERCIFUL FATHER, we thank Thee that it pleaseth Thee, by the ministry of men, to gather a Church to Thyself unto life eternal, from amongst the lost children of men. We bless Thee for so graciously providing the Church in this place with a faithful Minister. We beseech Thee to qualify him daily more and more by the Holy Spirit, for the ministry to which Thou hast ordained and called him. Enlighten his understanding to comprehend Thy Holy Word, and give him utterance, that he may boldly open his mouth, to make known and dispense the

mysteries of the gospel. Endue him with wisdom and valor, to rule the people aright over whom he is set, and to preserve them in Christian peace; to the end that Thy Church, under his administration and by his good example, may increase in number and in virtue. Grant him courage to bear the difficulties and troubles which he may meet with in his ministry, that being strengthened by the comfort of Thy Spirit, he may remain steadfast to the end, and be received with all faithful servants into the joy of his Master.

Give Thy grace also to this people and Church, that they may becomingly deport themselves towards this their Minister; that they may acknowledge him to be sent of Thee; that they may receive his doctrine with all reverence, and submit themselves to his exhortations: to the end that they may by his word, believing in Christ, be made partakers of eternal life. Hear us, O Father, through Thy Beloved Son, who hath thus taught us to pray;

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME: THY KINGDOM COME: THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD: AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS: AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL: FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER. AMEN.

The Presiding Officer shall then say:

In the name of the Classis, I now declare that the Pastoral relation between the Rev. ——— and the Church of ——— is fully constituted, and that the Rev. ——— is the lawfully installed Pastor of this Church.

XI.

OFFICE FOR THE LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE OF A CHURCH OR CHAPEL.

The Minister officiating will begin the service with the Salutation :

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

After which he will say :

DEARLY BELOVED : We are here assembled in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to lay the corner-stone of a house to be erected to His honor and service, and praise. Within its walls His Holy Name is to be worshipped, His Holy Gospel is to be preached, and His Holy Sacraments administered. Knowing that our help is the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth, let us lift up our hearts unto Him in humble supplication for His blessing.

PRAYER.

O Almighty God, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets,

Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Cornerstone; direct us in this our undertaking with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help, that all our work being begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name; and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Then shall be chanted or read responsively from the Scriptures of the Old Testament:

PSALM 87.

1. HIS foundation *is* in the holy mountains.

2. THE LORD LOVETH THE GATES OF ZION MORE THAN ALL THE DWELLINGS OF JACOB.

3. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

4. I WILL MAKE MENTION OF RAHAB AND BABYLON TO THEM THAT KNOW ME: BEHOLD PHILISTIA AND TYRE, WITH ETHIOPIA: THIS MAN WAS BORN THERE.

5. And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the Highest Himself shall establish her.

6. THE LORD SHALL COUNT, WHEN HE WRITETH UP THE PEOPLE THAT THIS MAN WAS BORN THERE.

7. As well the singers as the players on instruments *shall be there:* all my springs *are* in Thee.

And from the Scriptures of the New Testament, shall be read:

1ST EPISTLE OF PETER 2 : 1–9.

1. WHEREFORE, laying aside all malice, and all

guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil-speakings,

2. As new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

3. If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious:

4. To Whom coming, *as unto* a Living Stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious:

5. Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

6. Wherefore also, it is contained in the scripture: Behold, I lay in Sion a Chief Corner-stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded.

7. Unto you therefore which believe, *He is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the Head of the corner,

8. And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient; whereunto also they were appointed.

9. But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Then, any such historical or descriptive document as may have been prepared to be deposited in the Corner-stone may be read, and the stone having been set in its place, the Minister, laying his hand upon it, or striking it thrice with a mallet, shall say:

I lay the Corner-stone of a house to be erected, and devoted to the service of Almighty God; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. AMEN.

Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ.

Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.

Then shall be repeated, in unison, the Apostle's Creed.

I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH;

AND IN JESUS CHRIST HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD, WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY GHOST; BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY; SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE; WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD AND BURIED; HE DESCENDED INTO HELL; THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN; AND SITTETH AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY; FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST; THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS; THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS; THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY; AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

After which may be sung a hymn. Then may follow an

ADDRESS.

After which shall be offered the concluding prayer:

BLESSED be Thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy ser

vants to commence the erection of a house, in which Thy Name is to be worshipped, the Glad Tidings of salvation proclaimed, and Thy Holy Sacraments administered. Prosper them, O Lord, in this their undertaking. Keep and preserve by Thy providence unto the end, the work, which is now begun in Thy fear. Excite the skill and animate the industry of the workmen. Shield them from accident and danger. And grant unto them, and unto all of us here present, the influences of Thy Divine Spirit, so that we may become in soul and body, living temples of the Holy Ghost, and be prepared for that eternal city which hath foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God. All which we ask through the abundant merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME: THY KINGDOM COME: THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD: AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS: AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL: FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER. AMEN.

BENEDICTION.

XII.

OFFICE FOR THE DEDICATION OF A HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

The usual Order of Service for the Lord's Day having been observed until after the reading of the Commandments, the following Lessons from Holy Scripture shall then be read:

I.—FROM THE PSALTER

The Minister and People reading responsively.

Psalm XXIV.

The earth *is* the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

FOR HE HATH FOUNDED IT UPON THE SEAS, AND ESTABLISHED IT UPON THE FLOODS.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in His holy place?

HE THAT HATH CLEAN HANDS, AND A PURE HEART; WHO HATH NOT LIFTED UP HIS SOUL UNTO VANITY, NOR SWORN DECEITFULLY.

He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

THIS IS THE GENERATION OF THEM THAT SEEK HIM, THAT SEEK THY FACE, O JACOB, SELAH,

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY? THE LORD STRONG AND MIGHTY, THE LORD MIGHTY IN BATTLE.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY? THE LORD OF HOSTS, HE IS THE KING OF GLORY.

Psalm CXXXII.

1. LORD, remember David, *and* all his afflictions:

2. HOW HE SWARE UNTO THE LORD, AND VOWED UNTO THE MIGHTY GOD OF JACOB;

3. Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;

4. I WILL NOT GIVE SLEEP TO MINE EYES, OR SLUMBER TO MINE EYELIDS,

5. Until I find out a place for the LORD, a habitation for the mighty *God* of Jacob.

6. LO, WE HEARD OF IT AT EPHRATAH: WE FOUND IT IN THE FIELDS OF THE WOOD.

7. We will go into His tabernacles; we will worship at His footstool.

8. ARISE, O LORD, INTO THY REST: THOU, AND THE ARK OF THY STRENGTH.

9. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let Thy saints shout for joy.

10. FOR THY SERVANT DAVID'S SAKE TURN NOT AWAY THE FACE OF THINE ANOINTED.

11. The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David: He will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

12. IF THY CHILDREN WILL KEEP MY COVENANT AND MY TESTIMONY THAT I SHALL TEACH THEM, THEIR CHILDREN SHALL ALSO SIT UPON THY THRONE FOR EVERMORE.

13. For the Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired *it* for His habitation.

14. THIS IS MY REST FOR EVER: HERE WILL I DWELL FOR I HAVE DESIRED IT.

15. I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread.

16. I WILL ALSO CLOTHE HER PRIESTS WITH SALVATION: AND HER SAINTS SHALL SHOUT ALOUD FOR JOY.

17. There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for Mine anointed.

18. HIS ENEMIES WILL I CLOTHE WITH SHAME: BUT UPON HIMSELF SHALL HIS CROWN FLOURISH.

II.—From the Old Testament:

Exod. 40: 17–38; or, 1 Kings, 9: 1–9.

III.—From the New Testament:

Heb. 13: 10–21; or, Rev. 21: 10–27.

Then the Minister shall say:

Dearly Beloved in the Lord: God our Heavenly Father, having in His grace, which is in Jesus Christ our Lord, brought to its consummation our work of preparing a house for His worship, and the honor of His Holy Name; within whose walls His Holy Gospel is to be truly preached and His Holy Sacraments are to be faithfully administered; we are now gathered in His Holy presence for the purpose of devoting it by a solemn act of worship to its proper and sacred use. I call upon you, therefore, to arise, and before the Lord, to unite in this act of dedication, confessing first, devoutly, our holy faith.

The people uniting audibly with the Minister.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He as-

CENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SITTETH AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY: FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST; THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS; THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS; THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY; AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

Then the Minister shall offer the

PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

The People uniting audibly in the responses, which are printed in small capitals.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, Who art, and wast, and art to come, the whole earth is full of Thy glory! Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine. Now, therefore, we thank Thee, O God, and praise Thy glorious Name.

But who are we, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? For all things come of Thee, and of Thine own do we give Thee. O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build Thee an house for Thine Holy Name, cometh of Thine hand and is all Thine own.

Now behold, O Lord our God, and look unto this place where we are gathered in Thy Name: and have respect to the prayer of Thy servants and to their supplication, to hearken unto the cry and

the prayer that Thy servants pray before Thee this day, to take this house for Thine Own.

Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, Three Persons in One God,

TO THEE WE DEDICATE IT.

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Our Father Who art in Heaven,

TO THEE WE DEDICATE IT.

Son of God, the Only Begotten of the Father, Head of the Body, which is the Church; Head over all things to the Church; Prophet, Priest and King of Thy people,

TO THEE WE DEDICATE IT.

God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son; given to be our abiding Teacher, Sanctifier, and Comforter; Lord and Giver of Life,

TO THEE WE DEDICATE IT.

Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest, Thou and the ark of Thy strength. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Thy people shout for joy. Put Thy Name in this place. Sanctify it by Thy presence and Thy constant abiding. Give power and efficacy to Thy Gospel preached in it, and Thy Sacraments administered in it. Let Thine eyes be opened towards it; and hearken unto the supplications of Thy people when they pray in this place, and hear Thou in Heaven Thy dwelling-place, and when Thou hearest, forgive. And from this outer court of Thy Holy Sanctuary bring Thy people and their children into the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched, and not man; the heavenly temple, of which the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the light. We ask and offer all in the

Name of Thy Son our Saviour, Who hath taught us to pray:

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME: THY KINGDOM COME: THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD: AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS; AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL: FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER. AMEN.

Then shall follow the usual Order of Service, beginning with the Hymn before the Sermon.

XIII.

Office for the Confirmation of Marriage.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth.

The Minister shall say to all present:

Dearly Beloved,

We are assembled, in the sight of God, to join together this man and this woman in the bonds of Marriage: which is an honorable estate, instituted of God in the time of man's innocency, confirmed by the teaching of our Blessed Saviour, and compared by St. Paul to the mystical union which subsists between Christ and His Church.

Into this holy estate these two persons are come to be joined. Therefore, if any man can show any just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now declare it, or else, hereafter, for ever hold his peace.

And to those who come to be married:

I charge you, each and both, as ye shall answer to Him Who will judge both quick and dead, if either

of you know any reason why ye may not lawfully be joined together in marriage, declare it now. For, be well assured that all those who are brought to gether contrary to the Word of God, are not joined together of God, neither is their marriage lawful.

If no sufficient impediment be alleged, the Minister shall say:

Hear now what Holy Scripture doth teach, as touching the duty of husbands to their wives, and of wives to their husbands:

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. And,

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the Head of the Church. And He is the Saviour of the body. And again He saith, let the wife see that she reverence her husband.

LET US PRAY.

O Most Holy and Most Merciful Lord God! we beseech Thee for these, Thy servant and handmaid, that they may, with a reverent trust in Thee, enter into the Covenant of Marriage, as they now propose, and truly keep all the vows which they are about to make, according to Thy Word. Grant this, O Father, with the forgiveness of our sins, through Christ Thy Son. AMEN.

Then the Minister shall bid the man and the woman join their right hands; which being done, he shall say to the man:

Dost thou, ————, take this woman, ————, before God and these witnesses, to be thy wedded wife?

The man shall answer, I DO.

Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health, and forsaking every other, cleave to her only, so long as ye both shall live?

The man shall answer, I WILL.

To the woman:

Dost thou, ————, take this man, ————, before God and these witnesses, to be thy wedded husband?

The woman shall answer, I DO.

Wilt thou love him, honor him, obey him, and keep him, in sickness and in health, and forsaking every other, cleave to him only, so long as ye both shall live?

The woman shall answer, I WILL.

Then, when a ring is used, the Minister shall guide the hand of the man to put the ring on the third finger of the woman's left hand, and holding it there, the man shall say, after the Minister:

With this ring I thee wed; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. AMEN.

Then, taking their clasped right hands in his hand, the Minister shall say:

Forasmuch as you, ————, and you, ————, have consented together, after God's Holy Ordinance of Marriage; and have plighted your faith and truth to each other, in the presence of God and

of these witnesses; and have confirmed the same by giving and receiving a ring; now, therefore, I pronounce you husband and wife. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. AMEN.

Whom, therefore, God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

LET US PRAY.

O FAITHFUL GOD, who keepest covenant and truth with them that love Thee, hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling-place, this marriage vow which Thy servant and handmaid have vowed before Thee. And grant unto them the grace of Thy Good Spirit, that with all fidelity they may observe and keep it; walking together in Thy faith and fear; being led by the Angel of Thy presence, and strengthened by Thy hand, until they come to the inheritance of the saints in light: through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who has commanded us to pray, saying:

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME: THY KINGDOM COME: THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD: AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS: AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL: FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER. AMEN.

And the Minister shall pronounce over them this benediction:

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

XIV.

OFFICE FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

On entering the church, the Minister may use the following Sentences.

Or, if all the services be performed at the house, he may begin with these Sentences.

I AM the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die.

None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself; for whether we live, we live unto the Lord, and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.

Then may be read, or chanted.

PSALM XC.

1. LORD, Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

2. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou *art* God.

3. Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

4. For a thousand years in Thy sight *are but* as yesterday when it is past, and *as* a watch in the night.

5. Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are *as* a sleep: in the morning *they are* like grass *which* groweth up.

6. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up, in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

7. For we are consumed by Thine anger, and by Thy wrath are we troubled.

8. Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee, our secret *sins* in the light of Thy countenance.

9. For all our days are passed away in Thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale *that is told.*

10. The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength, labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

11. Who knoweth the power of Thine anger? even according to Thy fear, *so is* Thy wrath.

12. So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.

Then the Minister shall say:

Hear the Word of God as it is written in the fifteenth chapter of St. Paul's first Epistle to the Corinthians, beginning with the thirty-fifth verse:

But some *man* will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? *Thou* fool,

that which thou sowest is not quickened except it die: And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain; it may chance of wheat, or of some other *grain:* But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased Him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh *is* not the same flesh; but *there is* one *kind of* flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. *There are* also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another. *There is* one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for *one* star differeth from *another* star in glory. So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption; It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a Quickening Spirit. Howbeit, that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second Man *is* the Lord from heaven. As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the Heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the Heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law. But thanks *be* to God, Which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

[FOR A CHILD.]

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ, in reference to little children.

AND they brought young children to Him, that He should touch them; and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little

ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven.

For the Son of Man is come to save that which was lost. How think ye? If a man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so, it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

The Lord gave; and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.

After the reading of Holy Scripture the Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, the consolation of the sorrowful, and the support of the weary, Who dost not willingly grieve or afflict the children of men; look down in tender love and pity, we beseech Thee, upon Thy servants, this bereaved

household, whose joy is turned into mourning; and according to the multitude of Thy mercies be pleased to uphold, strengthen, and comfort them, that they may not faint under Thy Fatherly chastening, but find in Thee their strength and refuge; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME: THY KINGDOM COME: THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD: AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS: AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL: FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER. AMEN.

Then may follow an ADDRESS.

After which the Minister shall say: Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, with Whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with Whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; we give Thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those Thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. And we beseech Thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of Thy Holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

O THOU EVER-BLESSED MEDIATOR, Who wast dead, but livest forever, of Whom the whole family

in heaven and earth is named, and Who hast knit all Thy saints in one communion unto life eternal, in that mystical Body of which Thou art the glorious and ever-living Head; grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed saints, who have gone before us, in the faith and fellowship of Thy Holy Church, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which Thou hast prepared for all that love Thee, from the foundation of the world. AMEN.

O GOD, Whose days are without end, and Whose mercies cannot be numbered; make us, we beseech Thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives: that when we shall have served Thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Christian Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with Thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world: all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Then standing near the coffin, or having reached the place of burial, the Minister will say:

In the midst of life we are in death!
What helper shall we seek but Thee, O Lord,
Who because of our sins art justly angry!
O Holy God, Holy and Strong, Holy and Compassionate Saviour,
Give us not over to bitter death!

Then, while the earth shall be cast upon the body by some standing by, the Minister will say:

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God to take out of this world the soul of our departed *brother*, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; looking for the general Resurrection in the last day, and the Life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at Whose second coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in Him shall be changed, and made like unto His glorious body; according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin, worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died, and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with Him.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who, by the death of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, hast destroyed death; by His rest in the tomb hast sanctified the graves of the saints;

and by His glorious resurrection hast brought life and immortality to light: receive, we beseech Thee, our unfeigned thanks for that victory over death and the grave, which He has obtained for us, and for all who sleep in Him; and keep us in everlasting fellowship with all that wait for Thee on earth, and with all that are around Thee in heaven; in union with Him who is the Resurrection and the Life; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. AMEN.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, Who, in Thy perfect wisdom and mercy, hast ended for Thy servants departed, the voyage of this troublous life; grant, we beseech Thee, that we who are still to continue our course amidst earthly dangers, temptations, and troubles, may evermore be protected by Thy mercy; and finally come to the haven of eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with you all, evermore. AMEN.

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The Book of Psalms.

Psalm I.

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor standeth in the way of sinners,
Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD;
And in his law doth he meditate day and night.
3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,
That bringeth forth his fruit in his season;
His leaf also shall not wither;
And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
4 The ungodly are not so:
But are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,
6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous:
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM II.

WHY do the heathen rage,
And the people imagine a vain thing?
2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the LORD *and against his Anointed, saying,*
3 Let us break their bands asunder,
And cast away their cords from us.
4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh:
The LORD *shall have them in derision.*
5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath,
And vex them in his sore displeasure.
6 Yet have I set my king
Upon my holy hill of Zion.
7 I will declare the decree:
The LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my son;
This day have I begotten thee.
8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance,
And the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.
9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron;
Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings:
Be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
11 Serve the LORD with fear,
And rejoice with trembling.
12 Kiss the Son lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way,
When his wrath is kindled but a little.
Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

PSALM III.

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me!
Many are they that rise up against me.
2 Many there be which say of my soul;
There is no help for him in God.
3 But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me;
My glory, and the lifter up of mine head.
4 I cried unto the LORD with my voice,
And he heard me out of his holy hill.
5 I laid me down and slept;
I awaked; for the LORD *sustained me.*
6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people,
That have set themselves against me round about.
7 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God:
For thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone;
Thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.
8 Salvation belongeth unto the Lord;
Thy blessing is upon thy people.

PSALM IV.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness:
Thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress;
Have mercy upon me and hear my prayer.
2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame?
How long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing?
3 But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself?
The LORD *will hear when I call unto him.*

4 Stand in awe, and sin not:
Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.
5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And put your trust in the LORD.
6 There may be many that say, Who will shew us any good?
LORD, *lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.*
7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart,
More than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.
8 I will both lay me down in peace and sleep.
For thou, LORD, *only makest me dwell in safety.*

PSALM V.

GIVE ear to my words, O LORD;
Consider my meditation.
2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my God:
For unto thee will I pray.
3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD;
In the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.
4 For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness:
Neither shall evil dwell with thee.
5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight:
Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.
6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing:
The LORD *will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.*

7 But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy:
And in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.
8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness, because of mine enemies;
Make thy way straight before my face.
9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness.
Their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.
10 Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels;
Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.
11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice:
Let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them:
Let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.
12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous;
With favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

PSALM VI.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger,
Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I am weak:
O LORD, *heal me; for my bones are vexed.*
3 My soul is also sore vexed:
But thou, O LORD, *how long?*
4 Return, O LORD, deliver my soul:
Oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

5 For in death there is no remembrance of thee:
In the grave who shall give thee thanks?
6 I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim;
I water my couch with my tears.
7 Mine eye is consumed because of grief;
It waxeth old because of all mine enemies.
8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity;
For the LORD *hath heard the voice of my weeping.*
9 The LORD hath heard my supplication;
The LORD *will receive my prayer.*
10 Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed:
Let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

PSALM VII.

O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust:
Save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:
2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion,
Rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.
3 O LORD my God, if I have done this;
If there be iniquity in my hands;
4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me;
(*Yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy;*)
5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it;
Yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honor in the dust.

6 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies:
And awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded.
7 So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about:
For their sakes therefore, return thou on high.
8 The LORD shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness,
And according to mine integrity that is in me.
9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just:
For the righteous God trieth the heart and reins.
10 My defence is of God,
Which saveth the upright in heart.
11 God judgeth the righteous,
And God is angry with the wicked every day.
12 If he turn not, he will whet his sword;
He hath bent his bow, and made it ready.
13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death;
He ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.
14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief,
And brought forth falsehood.
15 He made a pit, and digged it,
And is fallen into the ditch which he made.
16 His mischief shall return upon his own head,
And his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.
17 I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness:
And will sing praise to the name of the LORD *most high.*

Psalm VIII.

O LORD our LORD,
How excellent is thy name in all the earth!
Who hast set thy glory above the heavens.
2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength,
Because of thine enemies,
That thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,
The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him?
And the son of man, that thou visitest him?
5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels,
And hast crowned him with glory and honor.
6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands;
Thou hast put all things under his feet:
7 All sheep and oxen,
Yea, and the beasts of the field;
8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea,
And whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.
9 O LORD, our LORD,
How excellent is thy name in all the earth!

PSALM IX.

1 I WILL praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart;
I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.
2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee:
I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High.
3 When mine enemies are turned back,
They shall fall and perish at thy presence.
4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause;
Thou satest in the throne judging right.
5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked,
Thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.
6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end;
And thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them.
7 But the LORD shall endure for ever;
He hath prepared his throne for judgment.
8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness,
He shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.
9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed,
A refuge in times of trouble.
10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee:
For thou, LORD, *hast not forsaken them that seek thee.*
11 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion:
Declare among the people his doings.

12 When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them:
He forgetteth not the cry of the humble.
13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me.
Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:
14 That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion:
I will rejoice in thy salvation.
15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made:
In the net which they hid is their own foot taken.
16 The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth:
The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.
17 The wicked shall be turned into hell,
And all the nations that forget God.
18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
The expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.
19 Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail:
Let the heathen be judged in thy sight.
20 Put them in fear, O LORD:
That the nations may know themselves to be but men.

PSALM X.

WHY standest thou afar off, O LORD?
Why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?
2 The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor:
Let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire,
And blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD *abhorreth.*
4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God:
God is not in all his thoughts.
5 His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight:
As for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.
6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved:
For I shall never be in adversity.
7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud:
Under his tongue is mischief and vanity.
8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages:
In the secret places doth he murder the innocent:
His eyes are privily set against the poor.
9 He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den:
He lieth in wait to catch the poor:
He doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.
10 He croucheth, and humbleth himself,
That the poor may fall by his strong ones.
11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten:
He hideth his face; he will never see it.
12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand:
Forget not the humble.
13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God?
He hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.
14 Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand:
The poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.

15 Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man:
Seek out his wickedness till thou find none.
16 The LORD is King for ever and ever:
The heathen are perished out of his land.
17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble:
Thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:
18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed,
That the man of the earth may no more oppress.

PSALM XI.

IN the LORD put I my trust:
How say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?
2 For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string,
That they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.
3 If the foundations be destroyed,
What can the righteous do?
4 The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven:
His eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.
5 The LORD trieth the righteous:
But the wicked, and him that loveth violence, his soul hateth.
6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and a horrible tempest:
This shall be the portion of their cup.
7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness;
His countenance doth behold the upright.

PSALM XII.

HELP, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth;
For the faithful fail from among the children of men.
2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbor:
With flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.
3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips,
And the tongue that speaketh proud things:
4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail;
Our lips are our own; who is lord over us?
5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD;
I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.
6 The words of the LORD are pure words:
As silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.
7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD,
Thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.
8 The wicked walk on every side,
When the vilest men are exalted.

PSALM XIII.

HOW long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever?
How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
2 How long shall I take counsel of my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily?
How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

3 Consider and hear me, O LORD my God:
Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death.
4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him;
And those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.
5 But I have trusted in thy mercy;
My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.
6 I will sing unto the LORD,
Because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

PSALM XIV.

THE fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.
They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.
2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men,
To see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.
3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy:
There is none that doeth good, no, not one.
4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge?
Who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD.
5 There were they in great fear:
For God is in the generation of the righteous.
6 Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor,
Because the LORD *is his refuge.*
7 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people,
Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

PSALM XV.

LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle?
Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?
2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness,
And speaketh the truth in his heart.
3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue,
Nor doeth evil to his neighbor,
Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.
4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned;
But he honoreth them that fear the LORD.
He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.
5 *He that putteth not out his money to usury,*
Nor taketh reward against the innocent.
He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

PSALM XVI.

PRESERVE me, O God:
For in thee do I put my trust.
2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my LORD:
My goodness extendeth not to thee;
3 But to the saints that are in the earth,
And to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.
4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god:
Their drink offerings of blood will I not offer,
Nor take up their names into my lips.
5 The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup:
Thou maintainest my lot.

6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places;
Yea, I have a goodly heritage.
7 I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel:
My reins also instruct me in the night seasons.
8 I have set the LORD always before me:
Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth;
My flesh also shall rest in hope.
10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell;
Neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.
11 Thou wilt show me the path of life:
In thy presence is fulness of joy;
At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

PSALM XVII.

HEAR the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry;
Give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.
2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence;
Let thine eyes behold the things that are equal
3 Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night;
Thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing:
I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.
4 Concerning the works of men,
By the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.

5 Hold up my goings in thy paths,
That my footsteps slip not.
6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God:
Incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.
7 Shew thy marvellous loving kindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee,
From those that rise up against them.
8 Keep me as the apple of the eye;
Hide me under the shadow of thy wings,
9 From the wicked that oppress me,
From my deadly enemies, who compass me about.
10 They are enclosed in their own fat;
With their mouth they speak proudly.
11 They have now compassed us in our steps:
They have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;
12 Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey,
And as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.
13 Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down;
Deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword:
14 From men which are thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world,
Which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure:
They are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes.
15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness:
I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

PSALM XVIII.

I WILL love thee, O LORD, my strength.
2 *The* LORD *is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;*
My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;
My buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.
3 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised:
So shall I be saved from mine enemies.
4 The sorrows of death compassed me,
And the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.
5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about:
The snares of death prevented me.
6 In my distress I called upon the LORD,
And cried unto my God:
He heard my voice out of his temple,
And my cry came before him, even into his ears.
7 Then the earth shook and trembled;
The foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.
8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils
And fire out of his mouth devoured:
Coals were kindled by it.
9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down:
And darkness was under his feet.
10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly:
Yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.
11 He made darkness his secret place;
His pavilion round about him were dark waters, and thick clouds of the skies.

12 At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed,
Hail stones and coals of fire.
13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens,
And the Highest gave his voice;
Hail stones and coals of fire.
14 Yea, he sent out his arrows and scattered them;
And he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.
15 Then the channels of waters were seen,
And the foundations of the world were discovered,
At thy rebuke, O LORD,
At the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.
16 He sent from above, he took me,
He drew me out of many waters.
17 He delivered me from my strong enemy,
And from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.
18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity:
But the LORD *was my stay.*
19 He brought me forth also into a large place;
He delivered me, because he delighted in me.
20 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness;
According to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.
21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
And have not wickedly departed from my God.
22 For all his judgments were before me,
And I did not put away his statutes from me.
23 I was also upright before him,
And I kept myself from mine iniquity.

24 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness,
According to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.
25 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful;
With an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;
26 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure.
And with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.
27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people;
But wilt bring down high looks.
28 For thou wilt light my candle;
The LORD *my God will enlighten my darkness.*
29 For by thee I have run through a troop;
And by my God have I leaped over a wall.
30 As for God, his way is perfect:
The word of the LORD is tried:
He is a buckler to all those that trust in him.
31 For who is God save the LORD?
Or who is a rock save our God?
32 It is God that girdeth me with strength,
And maketh my way perfect.
33 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet,
And setteth me upon my high places.
34 He teacheth my hands to war,
So that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.
35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation:
And thy right hand hath holden me up,
And thy gentleness hath made me great.

36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me,
That my feet did not slip.
37 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them:
Neither did I turn again till they were consumed.
38 I have wounded them that they were not able to rise:
They are fallen under my feet.
39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle:
Thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.
40 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies;
That I might destroy them that hate me.
41 They cried, but there was none to save them:
Even unto the LORD, *but he answered them not.*
42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind:
I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.
43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and thou hast made me the head of the heathen:
A people whom I have not known shall serve me.
44 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me:
The strangers shall submit themselves unto me.
45 The strangers shall fade away,
And be afraid out of their close places.
46 The LORD liveth; and blessed be my Rock;
And let the God of my salvation be exalted.
47 It is God that avengeth me,
And subdueth the people under me.

48 He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me:
Thou hast delivered me from the violent man.
49 Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen,
And sing praises unto thy name.
50 Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed,
To David, and to his seed for evermore.

PSALM XIX.

THE heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament sheweth his handywork.
2 Day unto day uttereth speech,
And night unto night sheweth knowledge.
3 There is no speech nor language,
Where their voice is not heard.
4 Their line is gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.
5 In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,
Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
And rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.
6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven,
And his circuit unto the ends of it:
And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul:
The testimony of the LORD *is sure, making wise the simple.*

8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart:
The commandment of the LORD *is pure, enlightening the eyes.*
9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever:
The judgments of the LORD *are true and righteous altogether.*
10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold:
Sweeter also than honey, and the honeycomb.
11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.
12 *Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.*
13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me:
Then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.
14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight,
O LORD, *my strength, and my redeemer.*

PSALM XX.

THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble;
The name of the God of Jacob defend thee;
2 Send thee help from the sanctuary,
And strengthen thee out of Zion;
3 Remember all thy offerings,
And accept thy burnt sacrifice;
4 Grant thee according to thine own heart,
And fulfil all thy counsel.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation,
And in the name of our God we will set up our banners:
The LORD *fulfil all thy petitions.*
6 Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed;
He will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.
7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses:
But we will remember the name of the LORD *our God.*
8 They are brought down and fallen:
But we are risen, and stand upright.
9 Save, LORD:
Let the king hear us when we call.

PSALM XXI.

THE king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD;
And in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!
2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire,
And hast not withholden the request of his lips.
3 For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness:
Thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.
4 He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him,
Even length of days for ever and ever.
5 His glory is great in thy salvation:
Honor and majesty hast thou laid upon him.
6 For thou hast made him most blessed for ever:
Thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

7 For the king trusteth in the LORD,
And through the mercy of the Most High he shall not be moved.
8 Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies:
Thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.
9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger:
The Lord shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.
10 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth,
And their seed from among the children of men.
11 For they intended evil against thee:
They imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform.
12 Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back,
When thou shalt make ready thine arrows upon thy strings against the face of them.
13 Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength:
So will we sing and praise thy power.

PSALM XXII.

MY God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
Why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?
2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not;
And in the night season, and am not silent.
3 But thou art holy,
O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.
4 Our fathers trusted in thee:
They trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered:
They trusted in thee, and were not confounded.
6 But I am a worm, and no man;
A reproach of men, and despised of the people.
7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn:
They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,
8 He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him:
Let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.
9 But thou art he that took me out of the womb:
Thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.
10 I was cast upon thee from the womb:
Thou art my God from my mother's belly.
11 Be not far from me; for trouble is near;
For there is none to help.
12 Many bulls have compassed me:
Strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.
13 They gaped upon me with their mouths,
As a ravening and a roaring lion.
14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint:
My heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.
15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws;
And thou hast brought me into the dust of death.
16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me:
They pierced my hands and my feet.
17 I may tell all my bones:
They look and stare upon me.

18 They part my garments among them,
And cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD:
O my strength, haste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword;
My darling from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion's mouth:
For thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren:
In the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him;
And fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him;
But when he cried unto him, he heard.

25 My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation:
I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him:
Your heart shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD:
And all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's:
And he is the governor among the nations.

29 All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him:
And none can keep alive his own soul.
30 A seed shall serve him;
It shall be accounted to the LORD *for a generation.*
31 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born,
That he hath done this.

PSALM XXIII.

THE LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
3 He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness, for his name's sake.
4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD *for ever.*

PSALM XXIV.

THE earth is the LORD'S and the fulness thereof;
The world, and they that dwell therein.
2 For he hath founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the floods.
3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;
Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.
5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6 This is the generation of them that seek him,
That seek thy face, O Jacob.
7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors;
And the king of glory shall come in.
8 Who is this King of glory?
The LORD *strong and mighty, the* LORD *mighty in battle.*
9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors;
And the King of glory shall come in.
10 Who is this King of glory?
The LORD *of hosts, He is the King of glory.*

PSALM XXV.

UNTO thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.
2 O my God, I trust in thee:
Let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed:
Let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.
4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD;
Teach me thy paths.
5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me; for thou art the God of my salvation;
On thee do I wait all the day.
6 Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses;
For they have been ever of old.
7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions:
According to thy mercy remember thou me, for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.
8 Good and upright is the LORD:
Therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
9 The meek will he guide in judgment;
And the meek will he teach his way.
10 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth
Unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
11 For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity;
For it is great.
12 What man is he that feareth the LORD?
Him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.
13 His soul shall dwell at ease:
And his seed shall inherit the earth.
14 The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him;
And he will show them his covenant.

15 Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord;
For he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me;
For I am desolate and afflicted.
17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged:
O bring thou me out of my distresses.
18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain;
And forgive all my sins.
19 Consider mine enemies; for they are many;
And they hate me with cruel hatred.
20 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed;
For I put my trust in thee.
21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.
22 *Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.*

PSALM XXVI.

JUDGE me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity;
I have trusted also in the LORD; *therefore I shall not slide.*
2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me;
Try my reins and my heart.
3 For thy loving kindness is before mine eyes;
And I have walked in thy truth.
4 I have not sat with vain persons,
Neither will I go in with dissemblers.
5 I have hated the congregation of evil doers;
And will not sit with the wicked.
6 I will wash mine hands in innocency:
So will I compass thine altar, O LORD:

7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving,
And tell of all thy wondrous works.
8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house,
And the place where thine honor dwelleth.
9 Gather not my soul with sinners,
Nor my life with bloody men:
10 In whose hands is mischief,
And their right hand is full of bribes.
11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity:
Redeem me, and be merciful unto me.
12 My foot standeth in an even place:
In the congregations will I bless the LORD.

PSALM XXVII.

THE LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD *is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*
2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh,
They stumbled and fell.
3 Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear:
Though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.
4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the LORD, *and to inquire in his temple.*

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me;

He shall set me up upon a rock.

6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy;

I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice:

Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face;

My heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, *will I seek.*

9 Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger:

Thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

10 When my father and my mother forsake me,

Then the LORD *will take me up.*

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD,

And lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies:

For false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

13 I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

14 *Wait on the* LORD:

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart:

Wait, I say, on the LORD.

Psalm XXVIII.

UNTO thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent to me:
Lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.
2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee,
When I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.
3 Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity,
Which speak peace to their neighbors, but mischief is in their hearts.
4 Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavors:
Give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert.
5 Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands,
He shall destroy them, and not build them up.
6 Blessed be the LORD,
Because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.
7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped:
Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.
8 The LORD is their strength,
And he is the saving strength of his anointed.
9 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance:
Feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

PSALM XXIX.

GIVE unto the LORD, O ye mighty,
Give unto the LORD *glory and strength.*
2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name;
Worship the LORD *in the beauty of holiness.*
3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters:
The God of glory thundereth: the LORD *is upon many waters.*
4 The voice of the LORD is powerful;
The voice of the LORD *is full of majesty.*
5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars:
Yea, the LORD *breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.*
6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf;
Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.
7 The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire.
8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness;
The LORD *shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.*
9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests:
And in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.
10 The LORD sitteth upon the flood;
Yea, the LORD *sitteth King for ever.*
11 The LORD will give strength unto his people;
The LORD *will bless his people with peace.*

PSALM XXX.

I WILL extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up,
And hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee,
And thou hast healed me.
3 O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave:
Thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.
4 Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his,
And give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.
5 For his anger endureth but a moment, in his favor is life:
Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
6 And in my prosperity I said,
I shall never be moved.
7 LORD, by thy favor thou hast made my mountain to stand strong:
Thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.
8 I cried to thee, O LORD;
And unto the LORD *I made supplication.*
9 What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit?
Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?
10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me:
LORD, *be thou my helper.*
11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing:
Thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;
12 To thee that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent.
O LORD, *my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.*

PSALM XXXI.

IN thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed:
Deliver me in thy righteousness.
2 Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily:
Be thou my strong rock, for a house of defence to save me.
3 For thou art my rock and my fortress;
Therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.
4 Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me:
For thou art my strength.
5 Into thine hand I commit my spirit:
Thou hast redeemed me, O LORD *God of truth.*
6 I have hated them that regard lying vanities:
But I trust in the LORD.
7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble;
Thou hast known my soul in adversities;
8 And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy:
Thou hast set my feet in a large room.
9 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble:
Mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly.
10 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing:
My strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.

11 I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbors, and a fear to mine acquaintance:
They that did see me without fled from me.
12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind:
I am like a broken vessel.
13 For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side:
While they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.
14 But I trusted in thee, O LORD:
I said, Thou art my God.
15 My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies,
And from them that persecute me.
16 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant:
Save me for thy mercies' sake.
17 Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I have called upon thee:
Let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave.
18 Let the lying lips be put to silence;
Which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.
19 Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee;
Which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!
20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man:
Thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the LORD:
For he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.
22 For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes:
Nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.
23 O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful,
And plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.
24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart,
All ye that hope in the LORD.

PSALM XXXII.

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered.
2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no guile.
3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.
4 *For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me:*
My moisture is turned into the drought of summer.
5 *I acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid.*
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD;
And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found:
Surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.
7 Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble;
Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.
8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go:
I will guide thee with mine eye.
9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding:
Whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.
10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked:
But he that trusteth in the LORD, *mercy shall compass him about.*
11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous:
And shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

PSALM XXXIII.

REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous:
For praise is comely for the upright.
2 Praise the LORD with harp:
Sing unto him with the psaltery, and an instrument of ten strings.
3 Sing unto him a new song:
Play skilfully with a loud noise.

4 For the word of the LORD is right;
And all his works are done in truth.
5 He loveth righteousness and judgment:
The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.
6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made;
And all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.
7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap:
He layeth up the depth in storehouses.
8 Let all the earth fear the LORD:
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
9 For he spake and it was done;
He commanded, and it stood fast.
10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought:
He maketh the devices of the people of none effect.
11 The counsel of the LORD standeth forever,
The thoughts of his heart to all generations.
12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD;
And the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.
13 The LORD looketh from heaven;
He beholdeth all the sons of men.
14 From the place of his habitation he looketh
Upon all the inhabitants of the earth.
15 He fashioneth their hearts alike;
He considereth all their works.
16 There is no king saved by the multitude of an host:
A mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

17 An horse is a vain thing for safety:
Neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.
18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him,
Upon them that hope in his mercy;
19 To deliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive in famine.
20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD:
He is our help and our shield.
21 For our heart shall rejoice in him,
Because we have trusted in his holy name.
22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us,
According as we hope in thee.

PSALM XXXIV.

I WILL bless the LORD at all times:
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD:
The humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
3 Oh magnify the LORD with me,
And let us exalt his name together.
4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me,
And delivered me from all my fears.
5 They looked unto him and were lightened:
And their faces were not ashamed.
6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him,
And saved him out of all his troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him,
And delivereth them.

8 Oh taste and see that the LORD is good:
Blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
9 Oh fear the LORD, ye his saints:
For there is no want to them that fear him.
10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger:
But they that seek the LORD *shall not want any good thing.*
11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me:
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
12 What man is he that desireth life,
And loveth many days, that he may see good?
13 Keep thy tongue from evil,
And thy lips from speaking guile.
14 Depart from evil, and do good;
Seek peace, and pursue it.
15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,
And his ears are open unto their cry.
16 The face of the LORD is against them that do evil,
To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
17 The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth,
And delivereth them out of all their troubles.
18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart:
And saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.
19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous:
But the LORD *delivereth him out of them all.*
20 He keepeth all his bones:
Not one of them is broken.
21 Evil shall slay the wicked:
And they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants:
And none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

PSALM XXXV.

PLEAD my cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me:
Fight against them that fight against me.
2 Take hold of shield and buckler,
And stand up for mine help.
3 Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me:
Say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.
4 Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul:
Let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.
5 Let them be as chaff before the wind:
And let the angel of the LORD *chase them.*
6 Let their way be dark and slippery:
And let the angel of the LORD *persecute them.*
7 For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit,
Which without cause they have digged for my soul.
8 Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself:
Into that very destruction let him fall.
9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD:
It shall rejoice in his salvation.

10 All my bones shall say, LORD, who is like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him,
Yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?
11 False witnesses did rise up;
They laid to my charge things that I knew not.
12 They rewarded me evil for good to the spoiling of my soul.
13 *But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth:*
I humbled my soul with fasting;
And my prayer returned into mine own bosom.
14 I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother:
I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.
15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced,
And gathered themselves together:
Yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not;
They did tear me, and ceased not:
16 With hypocritical mockers in feasts,
They gnashed upon me with their teeth.
17 LORD, how long wilt thou look on?
Rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions.
18 I will give thee thanks in the great congregation:
I will praise thee among much people.
19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me:
Neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

20 For they speak not peace:
But they devise deceitful matters against them
that are quiet in the land.
21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me,
And said, Aha, aha! our eye hath seen it.
22 This thou hast seen, O LORD: keep not silence:
O LORD, *be not far from me.*
23 Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment,
Even unto my cause, my God and my LORD.
24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy
righteousness;
And let them not rejoice over me.
25 Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would
we have it:
Let them not say, We have swallowed him up.
26 Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion
together that rejoice at mine hurt:
Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor that
magnify themselves against me.
27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor
my righteous cause: yea, let them say
continually,
Let the LORD *be magnified, which hath pleasure*
in the prosperity of his servant.
28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness
And of thy praise all the day long.

PSALM XXXVI.

THE transgression of the wicked saith within my
heart,
That there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 For he flattereth himself in his own eyes,
Until his iniquity be found to be hateful.
3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit:
He hath left off to be wise, and to do good.
4 He deviseth mischief upon his bed;
He setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil.
5 Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens:
And thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.
6 Thy righteousness is like the great mountains:
Thy judgments are a great deep:
O LORD, *thou preservest man and beast.*
7 How excellent is thy loving kindness, O God!
Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.
8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house;
And thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.
9 For with thee is the fountain of life:
In thy light shall we see light.
10 Oh continue thy loving kindness unto them that know thee:
And thy righteousness to the upright in heart.
11 Let not the foot of pride come against me,
And let not the hand of the wicked remove me.
12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen:
They are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

PSALM XXXVII.

FRET not thyself because of evil doers,
Neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,
And wither as the green herb.
3 Trust in the LORD and do good;
So shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
4 Delight thyself also in the LORD;
And he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.
5 Commit thy way unto the LORD;
Trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.
6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light,
And thy judgment as the noonday.
7 Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for him:
Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.
8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath:
Fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.
9 For evil doers shall be cut off:
But those that wait upon the LORD, *they shall inherit the earth.*
10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be:
Yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.
11 But the meek shall inherit the earth;
And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
12 The wicked plotteth against the just,
And gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
13 The LORD shall laugh at him:
For he seeth that his day is coming.

14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow,
To cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation.
15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart,
And their bows shall be broken.
16 A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.
17 *For the arm of the wicked shall be broken: but the* LORD *upholdeth the righteous.*
18 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright:
And their inheritance shall be for ever.
19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time:
And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs:
They shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.
21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again:
But the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.
22 For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth;
And they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.
23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD:
And he delighteth in his way.
24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down:
For the LORD *upholdeth him with his hand.*
25 I have been young, and now am old;
Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.
26 He is ever merciful, and lendeth;
And his seed is blessed.

27 Depart from evil, and do good;
And dwell for evermore.
28 For the LORD loveth judgment,
And forsaketh not his saints;
They are preserved for ever:
But the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.
29 The righteous shall inherit the land,
And dwell therein for ever.
30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom,
And his tongue talketh of judgment.
31 The law of his God is in his heart;
None of his steps shall slide.
32 The wicked watcheth the righteous,
And seeketh to slay him.
33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand,
Nor condemn him when he is judged.
34 Wait on the LORD and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land;
When the wicked are cut off thou shalt see it.
35 I have seen the wicked in great power,
And spreading himself like a green bay tree.
36 Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not:
Yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.
37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright:
For the end of that man is peace.
38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together:
The end of the wicked shall be cut off.
39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD:
He is their strength in the time of trouble.
40 And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them:
He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

PSALM XXXVIII.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath:
Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
2 For thine arrows stick fast in me,
And thy hand presseth me sore.
3 There is no soundness in my flesh, because of thine anger;
Neither is there any rest in my bones, because of my sin.
4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head:
As a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
5 My wounds stink and are corrupt, because of my foolishness.
6 I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly;
I go mourning all the day long.
7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease:
And there is no soundness in my flesh.
8 I am feeble and sore broken:
I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.
9 LORD, all my desire is before thee;
And my groaning is not hid from thee.
10 My heart panteth, my strength faileth me:
As for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.
11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore;
And my kinsmen stand afar off.
12 They also that seek after my life lay snares for me; and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things,
And imagine deceits all the day long.

13 But I, as a deaf man, heard not;
And I was as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.
14 Thus I was as a man that heareth not,
And in whose mouth are no reproofs.
15 For in thee, O LORD, do I hope:
Thou wilt hear, O LORD *my God.*
16 For I said, Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me:
When my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.
17 For I am ready to halt,
And my sorrow is continually before me.
18 For I will declare mine iniquity;
I will be sorry for my sin.
19 But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong:
And they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.
20 They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries;
Because I follow the thing that good is.
21 Forsake me not, O LORD; O my God, be not far from me.
22 *Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.*

PSALM XXXIX.

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue:
I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.
2 I was dumb with silence: I held my peace, even from good;
And my sorrow was stirred.

3 My heart was hot within me; while I was musing
the fire burned:
Then spake I with my tongue,
4 LORD, make me to know mine end, and the
measure of my days, what it is;
That I may know how frail I am.
5 Behold, thou hast made my days as a hand-
breadth; and mine age is as nothing
before thee:
*Verily every man at his best state is altogether
vanity.*
6 Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely
they are disquieted in vain:
*He heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall
gather them.*
7 And now, LORD, what wait I for?
My hope is in thee.
8 Deliver me from all my transgressions:
Make me not the reproach of the foolish.
9 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth;
Because thou didst it.
10 Remove thy stroke away from me:
I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.
11 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for
iniquity, thou makest his beauty to
consume away like a moth:
Surely every man is vanity.
12 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry;
Hold not thy peace at my tears:
For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner,
As all my fathers were.
13 O spare me, that I may recover strength,
Before I go hence, and be no more.

PSALM XL.

1 I WAITED patiently for the LORD;
And he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
2 He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay,
And set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.
3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God:
Many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.
4 Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust,
And respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.
5 Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done,
And thy thoughts which are to us-ward:
They cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee:
If I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.
6 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened:
Burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.
7 Then said I, Lo, I come:
In the volume of the book it is written of me,
8 I delight to do thy will, O my God:
Yea, thy law is within my heart.
9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation:
Lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, *thou knowest.*

10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart;
I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation:
I have not concealed thy loving kindness and thy truth from the great congregation.
11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD:
Let thy loving kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.
12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about:
Mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up;
They are more than the hairs of mine head:
Therefore my heart faileth me.
13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me:
O LORD, *make haste to help me.*
14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul, to destroy it;
Let them be driven backward and put to shame, that wish me evil.
15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame, that say unto me, Aha, aha.
16 *Let all those that seek thee, rejoice and be glad in thee:*
Let such as love thy salvation, say continually,
The LORD *be magnified.*
17 But I am poor and needy;
Yet the Lord thinketh upon me:
Thou art my helper and my deliverer;
Make no tarrying, O my God.

PSALM XLI.

BLESSED is he that considereth the poor:
The LORD *will deliver him in time of trouble.*
2 The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive,
and he shall be blessed upon the earth:
And thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.
3 The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing:
Thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.
4 I said, LORD, be merciful unto me:
Heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.
5 Mine enemies speak evil of me;
When shall he die, and his name perish?
6 And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity:
His heart gathereth iniquity to itself; when he goeth abroad, he telleth it.
7 All that hate me, whisper together against me:
Against me do they devise my hurt.
8 An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him:
And now that he lieth, he shall rise up no more.
9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread,
Hath lifted up his heel against me.
10 But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up,
That I may requite them.
11 By this I know that thou favorest me,
Because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.
12 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity,
And settest me before thy face for ever.

13 BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL FROM EVERLASTING, AND TO EVERLASTING. AMEN AND AMEN.

PSALM XLII.

AS the hart panteth after the water brooks,
So panteth my soul after thee, O God.
2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God:
When shall I come and appear before God?
3 My tears have been my meat day and night,
While they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?
4 When I remember these things I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God,
With the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.
5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me?
Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, for the help of his countenance.
6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee,
From the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.
7 Deep calleth unto deep, at the noise of thy waterspouts:
All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.
8 Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime,
And in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

9 I will say unto God, my Rock, Why hast thou forgotten me?
Why go I mourning, because of the oppression of the enemy?
10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me;
While they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?
11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me?
Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him,
WHO IS THE HEALTH OF MY COUNTENANCE, AND MY GOD.

PSALM XLIII.

JUDGE me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation:
Oh deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.
2 For thou art the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off?
Why go I mourning, because of the oppression of the enemy?
3 Oh send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me;
Let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles;
4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy:
Yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God.
5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me?
Hope in God: for I shall yet praise him,
WHO IS THE HEALTH OF MY COUNTENANCE, AND MY GOD.

PSALM XLIV.

WE have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us,
What work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.
2 How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them;
How thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.
3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword,
Neither did their own arm save them:
But thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance,
Because thou hadst a favor unto them.
4 Thou art my King, O God:
Command deliverance for Jacob.
5 Through thee will we push down our enemies:
Through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.
6 For I will not trust in my bow,
Neither shall my sword save me.
7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies,
And hast put them to shame that hated us.
8 In God we boast all the day long,
And praise thy name for ever.
9 But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame;
And goest not forth with our armies.
10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy:
And they which hate us spoil for themselves.

11 Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat;
And hast scattered us among the heathen.

12 Thou sellest thy people for nought,
And dost not increase thy wealth by their price.

13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbors,
A scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.

14 Thou makest us a byword among the heathen,
A shaking of the head among the people.

15 My confusion is continually before me,
And the shame of my face hath covered me.

16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth;
By reason of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee,
Neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.

18 Our heart is not turned back,
Neither have our steps declined from thy way;

19 Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons,
And covered us with the shadow of death.

20 If we have forgotten the name of our God,
Or stretched out our hands to a strange god;

21 Shall not God search this out?
For he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long;
We are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O LORD?
Arise, cast us not off for ever.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face,
And forgettest our affliction and our oppression?
25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust:
Our belly cleaveth unto the earth.
26 Arise for our help,
And redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

PSALM XLV.

MY heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king:
My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
2 Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips:
Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.
3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty,
With thy glory and thy majesty.
4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously, because of truth and meekness and righteousness;
And thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
5 Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies;
Whereby the people fall under thee.
6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever:
The sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.
7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness:
Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

8 All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia,
Out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.
9 Kings' daughters were among thy honorable women:
Upon thy right hand did stand the queen, in gold of Ophir.
10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear:
Forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;
11 So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty.
For he is thy LORD; *and worship thou him.*
12 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift;
Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor.
13 The king's daughter is all glorious within:
Her clothing is of wrought gold.
14 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework:
The virgins her companions that follow her, shall be brought unto thee.
15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought;
They shall enter into the king's palace.
16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children,
Whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.
17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations:
Therefore shall the people praise thee, for ever and ever.

PSALM XLVI.

GOD is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed,
And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;
3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,
Though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.
4 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God;
The holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved:
God shall help her, and that right early.
6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved:
He uttered his voice, the earth melted.
7 The LORD of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge
8 Come, behold the works of the LORD,
What desolations he hath made in the earth.
9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth:
He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.
10 Be still, and know that I am God:
I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.
11 The LORD of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.

PSALM XLVII.

OH clap your hands, all ye people;
Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
2 For the LORD most high is terrible:
He is a great King over all the earth.
3 He shall subdue the people under us,
And the nations under our feet.
4 He shall choose our inheritance for us,
The excellency of Jacob whom he loved.
5 God is gone up with a shout,
The LORD *with the sound of a trumpet.*
6 Sing praises to God, sing praises:
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
7 For God is the King of all the earth:
Sing ye praises with understanding.
8 God reigneth over the heathen:
God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.
9 The princes of the people are gathered together,
Even the people of the God of Abraham:
For the shields of the earth belong unto God:
He is greatly exalted.

PSALM XLVIII.

GREAT is the LORD, and greatly to be praised
In the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.
2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth is Mount Zion,
On the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

3 God is known in her palaces for a refuge.
4 *For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.*
5 They saw it, and so they marvelled;
They were troubled, and hasted away.
6 Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail.
7 *Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.*
8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God:
God will establish it for ever.
9 We have thought of thy loving kindness, O God,
In the midst of thy temple.
10 According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise, unto the ends of the earth:
Thy right hand is full of righteousness.
11 Let Mount Zion rejoice,
Let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.
12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her:
Tell the towers thereof.
13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces;
That ye may tell it to the generation following.
14 For this God is our God for ever and ever:
He will be our guide, even unto death.

PSALM XLIX.

HEAR this, all ye people;
Give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:
2 Both low and high,
Rich and poor, together.

3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom;
And the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

4 I will incline mine ear to a parable:
I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil,
When the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?

6 They that trust in their wealth,
And boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;

7 None of them can by any means redeem his brother,
Nor give to God a ransom for him:

8 (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)

9 *That he should still live for ever and not see corruption.*

10 For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish,
And leave their wealth to others.

11 Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling-places to all generations:
They call their lands after their own names.

12 Nevertheless man being in honor abideth not:
He is like the beasts that perish.

13 This their way is their folly:
Yet their posterity approve their sayings.

14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave;
Death shall feed on them;

And the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning;
And their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.

15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave:
For he shall receive me.

16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich,
When the glory of his house is increased.

17 For when he dieth, he shall carry nothing away:
His glory shall not descend after him.

18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul:
And men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself,

19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers;
They shall never see light.

20 Man that is in honor, and understandeth not,
Is like the beasts that perish.

PSALM L.

THE mighty God, even the LORD, hath spoken,
And called the earth from the rising of the sun, unto the going down thereof.

2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God hath shined.

3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence:
A fire shall devour before him,
And it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

4 He shall call to the heavens from above,
And to the earth, that he may judge his people.

5 Gather my saints together unto me;
Those that have made a covenant with me, by sacrifice.

6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness:
For God is judge himself.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee:
I am God, even thy God.

8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices, or thy burnt offerings,
To have been continually before me.

9 I will take no bullock out of thy house,
Nor he goats out of thy folds:

10 For every beast of the forest is mine,
And the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11 I know all the fowls of the mountains:
And the wild beasts of the field are mine.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee:
For the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls,
Or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer unto God thanksgiving;
And pay thy vows unto the Most High:

15 And call upon me in the day of trouble:
I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes,
Or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?

17 Seeing thou hatest instruction,
And castest my words behind thee.

18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him,
And hast been partaker with adulterers.
19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil,
And thy tongue frameth deceit.
20 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother;
Thou slanderest thine own mother's son.
21 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence;
Thou thoughtest that I was altogether such a one as thyself:
But I will reprove thee,
And set them in order before thine eyes.
22 Now consider this, ye that forget God,
Lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.
23 Whoso offereth praise, glorifieth me:
And to him that ordereth his conversation aright, will I shew the salvation of God.

PSALM LI.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness:
According unto the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.
2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
3 For I acknowledge my transgressions:
And my sin is ever before me.
4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned,
And done this evil in thy sight:
That thou mightest be justified when thou speakest,
And be clear when thou judgest.

5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity;
And in sin did my mother conceive me.

6 Behold thou desirest truth in the inward parts:
And in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Make me to hear joy and gladness;
That the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Hide thy face from my sins,
And blot out all mine iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
And uphold me with thy free Spirit.

13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;
And sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation;
And my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

15 O LORD, open thou my lips;
And my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it:
Thou delightest not in burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion:
Build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of
righteousness, with burnt offering and
whole burnt offering.
Then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

PSALM LII.

WHY boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty
man?
The goodness of God endureth continually.
2 Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs;
Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.
3 Thou lovest evil more than good;
And lying rather than to speak righteousness.
4 Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceit-
ful tongue.
5 *God shall likewise destroy thee forever:*
He shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of
thy dwelling-place,
And root thee out of the land of the living.
6 The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall
laugh at him:
7 *Lo, this is the man that made not God his
strength;*
But trusted in the abundance of his riches,
And strengthened himself in his wickedness.
8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of
God:
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
9 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast
done it:
*And I will wait on thy name; for it is good
before thy saints.*

Psalm LIII.

THE fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.
Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity:
There is none that doeth good.
2 *God looked down from heaven upon the children of men,*
To see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.
3 *Every one of them is gone back:*
They are altogether become filthy;
There is none that doeth good, no, not one.
4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread:
They have not called upon God.
5 There were they in great fear, where no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee:
Thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them.
6 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!
When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Psalm LIV.

SAVE me, O God, by thy name,
And judge me by thy strength.
2 Hear my prayer, O God;
Give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul:
They have not set God before them.
4 Behold, God is mine helper:
The Lord is with them that uphold my soul.
5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies:
Cut them off in thy truth.
6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee:
I will praise thy name, O LORD; *for it is good.*
7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble:
And mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

PSALM LV.

GIVE ear to my prayer, O God;
And hide not thyself from my supplication.
2 Attend unto me and hear me:
I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;
3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked:
For they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.
4 My heart is sore pained within me:
And the terrors of death are fallen upon me.
5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me,
And horror hath overwhelmed me.
6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove!
For then would I fly away, and be at rest
7 Lo, then would I wander far off,
And remain in the wilderness.
8 I would hasten my escape,
From the windy storm and tempest.

9 Destroy, O LORD, and divide their tongues:
For I have seen violence and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof:
Mischief, also, and sorrow are in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness is in the midst thereof:
Deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

12 For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it:
Neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him:

13 But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.

14 *We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.*

15 Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell:
For wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.

16 As for me, I will call upon God;
And the LORD *shall save me.*

17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud:
And he shall hear my voice.

18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me:
For there were many with me.

19 God shall hear, and afflict them,
Even he that abideth of old.
Because they have no changes,
Therefore they fear not God.

20 He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him:
He hath broken his covenant.
21 The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart.
His words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords.
22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee:
He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.
23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction:
Bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days;
BUT I WILL TRUST IN THEE.

PSALM LVI.

BE merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up;
He fighting daily oppresseth me.
2 Mine enemies would daily swallow me up:
For they be many that fight against me, O thou Most High.
3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.
4 *In God I will praise his word;*
In God I have put my trust;
I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.
5 Every day they wrest my words:
All their thoughts are against me for evil.
6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves,
They mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.

7 Shall they escape by iniquity?
In thine anger cast down the people, O God.
8 Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle:
Are they not in thy book?
9 When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back:
This I know; for God is for me.
10 In God will I praise his word:
In the LORD *will I praise his word.*
11 In God have I put my trust:
I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.
12 Thy vows are upon me, O God:
I will render praises unto thee.
13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death: will not thou deliver my feet from falling,
That I may walk before God in the light of the living?

PSALM LVII.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me:
For my soul trusteth in thee:
Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge,
Until these calamities be overpast.
2 I will cry unto God most high;
Unto God that performeth all things for me.
3 He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up.
God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.
4 My soul is among lions:
And I lie even among them that are set on fire,

Even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows,
And their tongue a sharp sword.
5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let thy glory be above all the earth.
6 They have prepared a net for my steps;
My soul is bowed down:
They have digged a pit before me,
Into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves.
7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed:
I will sing and give praise.
8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp:
I myself will awake early.
9 I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people:
I will sing unto thee among the nations.
10 For thy mercy is great unto the heavens,
And thy truth unto the clouds.
11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens:
Let thy glory be above all the earth.

PSALM LVIII.

DO ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation?
Do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?
2 Yea, in heart ye work wickedness;
Ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.
3 The wicked are estranged from the womb:
They go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies
4 Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear:
5 *Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.*

6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth:
Break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD.
7 Let them melt away as waters which run continually:
When he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.
8 As a snail which melteth, let every one of them pass away:
Like the untimely birth of a woman, that they may not see the sun.
9 Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind,
Both living, and in his wrath.
10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance:
He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.
11 So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous:
Verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

PSALM LIX.

DELIVER me from mine enemies, O my God:
Defend me from them that rise up against me.
2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,
And save me from bloody men.
3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me;
Not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD.
4 They run and prepare themselves without my fault:
Awake to help me, and behold.

5 Thou, therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen:
Be not merciful to any wicked transgressors.
6 They return at evening:
They make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.
7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords are in their lips:
For who, say they, doth hear?
8 But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them;
Thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.
9 Because of his strength will I wait upon thee:
For God is my defence.
10 The God of my mercy shall prevent me:
God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.
11 Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power;
And bring them down, O Lord our shield.
12 For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them be even taken in their pride:
And for cursing and lying which they speak.
13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be:
And let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth.
14 And at evening let them return;
And let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.
15 Let them wander up and down for meat,
And grudge if they be not satisfied.
16 But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning:
For thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing:
For God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.

PSALM LX.

O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased;
O turn thyself to us again.
2 Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it:
Heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.
3 Thou hast shewed thy people hard things:
Thou hast made us drink the wine of astonishment.
4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee.
That it may be displayed because of the truth.
5 That thy beloved may be delivered;
Save with thy right hand, and hear me.
6 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice,
I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine:
Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver;
8 Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe:
Philistia, triumph thou because of me.
9 Who will bring me into the strong city?
Who will lead me into Edom?
10 Wilt not thou, O God, which hadst cast us off?
And thou, O God, which didst not go out with our armies?

11 Gve us help from trouble:
For vain is the help of man.
12 Through God we shall do valiantly:
For he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM LXI.

HEAR my cry, O God;
Attend unto my prayer.
2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee,
when my heart is overwhelmed.
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
3 For thou hast been a shelter for me,
And a strong tower from the enemy.
4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever:
I will trust in the covert of thy wings.
5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows:
Thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.
6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life:
And his years as many generations.
7 He shall abide before God for ever:
Oh prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him.
8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever,
That I may daily perform my vows.

PSALM LXII.

TRULY my soul waiteth upon God:
From him cometh my salvation.
2 He only is my rock and my salvation;
He is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

3 How long will ye imagine mischief against a man?
Ye shall be slain all of you:
As a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a tottering fence.

4 They only consult to cast him down from his excellency: they delight in lies:
They bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly.

5 My soul, wait thou only upon God;
For my expectation is from him.

6 He only is my rock and my salvation:
He is my defence; I shall not be moved.

7 In God is my salvation and my glory:
The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

8 Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him:
God is a refuge for us.

9 Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie:
To be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity.

10 Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery:
If riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this:
That power belongeth unto God.

12 Also unto thee, O LORD, belongeth mercy:
For thou renderest to every man according to his work.

PSALM LXIII.

O GOD, thou art my God; early will I seek thee,
My soul thirsteth for thee;
My flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

2 To see thy power and thy glory,
So as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

3 Because thy loving kindness is better than life,
My lips shall praise thee.

4 Thus will I bless thee while I live:
I will lift up my hands in thy name.

5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness;
And my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

6 When I remember thee upon my bed,
And meditate on thee in the night watches.

7 Because thou hast been my help,
Therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

8 My soul followeth hard after thee:
Thy right hand upholdeth me.

9 But those that seek my soul to destroy it,
Shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

10 They shall fall by the sword:
They shall be a portion for foxes.

11 But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory:
But the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

Psalm LXIV.

HEAR my voice, O God, in my prayer:
Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked;
From the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:

3 Who whet their tongue like a sword,
And bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words;

4 That they may shoot in secret at the perfect:
Suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

5 They encourage themselves in an evil matter; they commune of laying snares privily;
They say, Who shall see them?

6 They search out iniquities: they accomplish a diligent search;
Both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep.

7 But God shall shoot at them with an arrow;
Suddenly shall they be wounded.

8 So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves;
All that see them shall flee away.

9 And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God;
For they shall wisely consider of his doing.

10 The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him;
And all the upright in heart shall glory.

PSALM LXV.

PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion:
And unto thee shall the vow be performed.
2 O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.
3 *Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.*
4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts:
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.
5 By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation;
Who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea.
6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:
7 *Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.*
8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens:
Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.
9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it:
Thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God,
Which is full of water:
Thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly;
thou settlest the furrows thereof:
Thou makest it soft with showers; thou blessest
the springing thereof.
11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness;
And thy paths drop fatness.
12 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness;
And the little hills rejoice on every side.
13 The pastures are clothed with flocks;
The valleys also are covered over with corn; they
shout for joy, they also sing.

PSALM LXVI.

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands.
2 *Sing forth the honor of his name; make his*
praise glorious.
3 Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy
works!
Through the greatness of thy power shall thine
enemies submit themselves unto thee.
4 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing
unto thee;
They shall sing to thy name.
5 Come and see the works of God:
He is terrible in his doing toward the children of
men.
6 He turned the sea into dry land: they went
through the flood on foot:
There did we rejoice in him.
7 He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold
the nations:
Let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

8 Oh bless our God, ye people,
And make the voice of his praise to be heard:
9 Which holdeth our soul in life,
And suffereth not our feet to be moved.
10 For thou, O God, hast proved us:
Thou hast tried us as silver is tried.
11 Thou broughtest us into the net;
Thou laidst affliction on our loins.
12 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water:
But thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.
13 I will go into thy house with burnt offerings:
I will pay thee my vows,
14 Which my lips have uttered,
And my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.
15 I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings,
with the incense of rams:
I will offer bullocks with goats.
16 Come and hear, all ye that fear God,
And I will declare what he hath done for my soul.
17 I cried unto him with my mouth,
And he was extolled with my tongue.
18 If I regard iniquity in my heart,
The LORD *will not hear me:*
19 But verily God hath heard me;
He hath attended to the voice of my prayer.
20 Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer,
Nor his mercy from me.

Psalm LXVII.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us:
And cause his face to shine upon us.
2 That thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations.
3 Let the people praise thee, O God,
Let all the people praise thee.
4 Oh let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously,
And govern the nations upon earth.
5 Let the people praise thee, O God,
Let all the people praise thee.
6 Then shall the earth yield her increase;
And God, even our own God, shall bless us.
7 GOD SHALL BLESS US; AND ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH SHALL FEAR HIM.

Psalm LXVIII.

LET God arise, let his enemies be scattered:
Let them also that hate him flee before him.
2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away:
As wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
3 But let the righteous be glad: let them rejoice before God:
Yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.
4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens,
By his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows,
Is God in his holy habitation.
6 God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains:
But the rebellious dwell in a dry land.
7 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people,
When thou didst march through the wilderness;
8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God;
Even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain,
Whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.
10 Thy congregation hath dwelt therein:
Thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.
11 The LORD gave the word:
Great was the company of those that published it.
12 Kings of armies did flee apace:
And she that tarried at home divided the spoil.
13 Though ye have lain among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver,
And her feathers with yellow gold.
14 When the Almighty scattered kings in it,
It was white as snow in Salmon.
15 The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan;
A high hill, as the hill of Bashan.
16 Why leap ye, ye high hills? this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in;
Yea, the LORD *will dwell in it for ever.*

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels:
The LORD *is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.*
18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men;
Yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD *God might dwell among them.*
19 Blessed be the LORD, who daily loadeth us with benefits,
Even the God of our salvation.
20 He that is our God is the God of Salvation;
And unto God the LORD *belong the issues from death.*
21 But God shall wound the head of his enemies,
And the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.
22 The LORD said, I will bring again from Bashan;
I will bring my people again from the depths of the sea:
23 That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies,
And the tongue of thy dogs in the same.
24 They have seen thy goings, O God:
Even the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.
25 The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after:
Among them were the damsels playing with timbrels.
26 Bless ye God in the congregations,
Even the LORD, *from the fountain of Israel.*

27 There is little Benjamin with their ruler,
The princes of Judah and their council,
The princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.

28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength:
Strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.

29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem
Shall kings bring presents unto thee.

30 Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people,
Till every one submit himself with pieces of silver:
Scatter thou the people that delight in war.

31 Princes shall come out of Egypt;
Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth;
Oh sing praise unto the LORD;

33 To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old;
Lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye strength unto God:
His excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds.

35 O God, thou art terrible of thy holy places:
The God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people.
BLESSED BE GOD.

PSALM LXIX.

SAVE me, O God;
For the waters are come in unto my soul.
2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing:
I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.
3 I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried:
Mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.
4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty:
Then I restored that which I took not away.
5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness;
And my sins are not hid from thee.
6 Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake:
Let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.
7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach;
Shame hath covered my face.
8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren,
And an alien unto my mother's children.
9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up;
And the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.
10 When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting,
That was to my reproach.
11 I made sackcloth also my garment;
And I became a proverb to them.

12 They that sit in the gate speak against me;
And I was the song of the drunkards.
13 But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O LORD, in an acceptable time:
O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.
14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink:
Let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.
15 Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up,
And let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.
16 Hear me, O LORD; for thy loving kindness is good:
Turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.
17 And hide not thy face from thy servant;
For I am in trouble: hear me speedily.
18 Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it:
Deliver me because of mine enemies.
19 Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonor:
Mine adversaries are all before thee.
20 Reproach hath broken my heart;
And I am full of heaviness:
And I looked for some to take pity, but there was none;
And for comforters, but I found none.
21 They gave me also gall for my meat;
And in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
22 Let their table become a snare before them:
And that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap.

23 Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not;
And make their loins continually to shake.
24 Pour out thine indignation upon them,
And let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.
25 Let their habitation be desolate;
And let none dwell in their tents.
26 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten;
And they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded.
27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity:
And let them not come into thy righteousness.
28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living,
And not be written with the righteous.
29 But I am poor and sorrowful:
Let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.
30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.
31 *This also shall please the* LORD *better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.*
32 The humble shall see this, and be glad:
And your heart shall live that seek God.
33 For the LORD heareth the poor,
And despiseth not his prisoners.
34 Let the heaven and earth praise him,
The seas, and everything that moveth therein.
35 For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah:
That they may dwell there, and have it in possession.
36 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it:
And they that love his name shall dwell therein

Psalm LXX.

MAKE haste, O God, to deliver me;
Make haste to help me, O Lord.
2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul:
Let them be turned backward, and be put to confusion that desire my hurt.
3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha.
4 *Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee:*
And let such as love thy salvation say continually,
Let God be magnified.
5 But I am poor and needy; make haste unto me, O God:
Thou art my help and my deliverer; O Lord, *make no tarrying.*

Psalm LXXI.

IN thee, O Lord, do I put my trust:
Let me never be put to confusion.
2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape:
Incline thine ear unto me, and save me.
3 Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me;
For thou art my rock and my fortress.

4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked,
Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.
5 For thou art my hope, O LORD God:
Thou art my trust from my youth.
6 By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels:
My praise shall be continually of thee.
7 I am as a wonder unto many; but thou art my strong refuge.
8 *Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honor all the day.*
9 Cast me not off in the time of old age;
Forsake me not when my strength faileth.
10 For mine enemies speak against me;
And they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together,
11 Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him;
For there is none to deliver him.
12 O God, be not far from me:
O my God, make haste for my help.
13 Let them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul;
Let them be covered with reproach and dishonor that seek my hurt.
14 But I will hope continually,
And will yet praise thee more and more.
15 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day;
For I know not the numbers thereof.

16 I will go in the strength of the LORD God:
I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth:
And hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation,
And thy power to every one that is to come.

19 Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things;
O God, who is like unto thee!

20 Thou, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again,
And shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

21 Thou shalt increase my greatness,
And comfort me on every side.

22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery; even thy truth, O my God:
Unto thee will I sing with the harp O thou Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee;
And my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long:
For they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

Psalm LXXII.

GIVE the king thy judgments, O God,
And thy righteousness unto the king's son.
2 He shall judge thy people with righteousness,
And thy poor with judgment.
3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people,
And the little hills by righteousness.
4 He shall judge the poor of the people,
He shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.
5 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure,
Throughout all generations.
6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass;
As showers that water the earth.
7 In his days shall the righteous flourish;
And abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.
8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,
And from the river unto the ends of the earth.
9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him;
And his enemies shall lick the dust.
10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents:
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
11 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him:
All nations shall serve him.
12 For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth;
The poor also, and him that hath no helper.

13 He shall spare the poor and needy,
And shall save the souls of the needy.
14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence:
And precious shall their blood be in his sight.
15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba:
Prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.
16 There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon:
And they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.
17 His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun:
And men shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call him blessed.
18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel,
Who only doeth wondrous things.
19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever:
And let the whole earth be filled with his glory.
AMEN, AND AMEN.
20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

PSALM LXXIII.

TRULY God is good to Israel,
Even to such as are of a clean heart.
2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone;
My steps had well nigh slipped.
3 For I was envious at the foolish,
When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

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4 For there are no bands in their death:
But their strength is firm.

5 They are not in trouble as other men;
Neither are they plagued like other men.

6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain;
Violence covereth them as a garment.

7 Their eyes stand out with fatness:
They have more than heart could wish.

8 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression:
They speak loftily.

9 They set their mouth against the heavens,
And their tongue walketh through the earth.

10 Therefore his people return hither:
And waters of a full cup are wrung out to them.

11 And they say, How doth God know?
And is there knowledge in the Most High?

12 Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world;
They increase in riches.

13 Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain,
And washed my hands in innocency.

14 For all the day long have I been plagued,
And chastened every morning.

15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children.

16 *When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me;*

17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God;
Then understood I their end.

18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places:
Thou castedst them down into destruction.
19 How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment!
They are utterly consumed with terrors.
20 As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.
21 *Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.*
22 So foolish was I, and ignorant:
I was as a beast before thee.
23 Nevertheless I am continually with thee:
Thou hast holden me by my right hand.
24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel,
And afterward receive me to glory.
25 Whom have I in heaven but thee?
And there is none upon earth that I desire besides thee.
26 My flesh and my heart faileth:
But God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.
27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish:
Thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.
28 But it is good for me to draw near to God:
I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, *that I may declare all thy works.*

PSALM LXXIV.

O GOD, why hast thou cast us off for ever?
Why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?

2 Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed;
This mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations;
Even all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.

4 Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations;
They set up their ensigns for signs.

5 A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.

6 *But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers.*

7 They have cast fire into thy sanctuary,
They have defiled by casting down the dwelling-place of thy name to the ground.

8 They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together:
They have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.

9 We see not our signs: there is no more any prophet:
Neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.

10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach?
Shall the enemy blaspheme thy name forever?

11 Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? Pluck it out of thy bosom.

12 *For God is my king of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.*

13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength:
Thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces,
And gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

15 Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood:
Thou driedst up mighty rivers.

16 The day is thine, the night also is thine:
Thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth:
Thou hast made summer and winter.

18 Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O LORD,
And that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

19 O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude of the wicked:
Forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.

20 Have respect unto the covenant:
For the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed:
Let the poor and needy praise thy name.

22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause:
Remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.

23 Forget not the voice of thine enemies:
The tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually.

PSALM LXXV.

UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee
do we give thanks:
For that thy name is near, thy wondrous works
declare.
2 When I shall receive the congregation I will judge
uprightly.
3 *The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are*
dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it.
4 I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly:
And to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:
5 Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a
stiff neck.
6 *For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor*
from the west, nor from the south.
7 But God is the judge:
He putteth down one, and setteth up another.
8 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and
the wine is red;
It is full of mixture;
And he poureth out of the same:
But the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the
earth shall wring them out, and drink
them.
9 But I will declare for ever;
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off;
But the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

PSALM LXXVI.

IN Judah is God known:
His name is great in Israel.
2 In Salem also is his tabernacle,
And his dwelling-place in Zion.
3 There brake he the arrows of the bow,
The shield, and the sword, and the battle.
4 Thou art more glorious and excellent than the mountains of prey.
5 The stouthearted are spoiled,
They have slept their sleep:
And none of the men of might have found their hands.
6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob,
Both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.
7 Thou, even thou, art to be feared:
And who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?
8 Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven;
The earth feared, and was still.
9 When God arose to judgment,
To save all the meek of the earth.
10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee:
The remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.
11 Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God:
Let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.
12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes:
He is terrible to the kings of the earth.

PSALM LXXVII.

I CRIED unto God with my voice, even unto God
with my voice;
And he gave ear unto me.
2 In the day of my trouble I sought the LORD: my
sore ran in the night, and ceased not:
My soul refused to be comforted.
3 I remembered God, and was troubled:
I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.
4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking;
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
5 I have considered the days of old,
The years of ancient times.
6 I call to remembrance my song in the night:
*I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit
made diligent search.*
7 Will the LORD cast off for ever?
And will he be favorable no more?
8 Is his mercy clean gone forever?
Doth his promise fail for evermore?
9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious?
Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?
10 And I said, this is my infirmity:
*But I will remember the years of the right hand
of the Most High.*
11 I will remember the works of the LORD:
Surely I will remember thy wonders of old.
12 I will meditate also of all thy work,
And talk of thy doings.
13 Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary:
Who is so great a God as our God?

14 Thou art the God that doest wonders;
Thou hast declared thy strength among the people.
15 Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people,
The sons of Jacob and Joseph.
16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee;
They were afraid: the depths also were troubled.
17 The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound:
Thine arrows also went abroad.
18 The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world:
The earth trembled and shook.
19 Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters,
And thy footsteps are not known.
20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock
By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PSALM LXXVIII.

GIVE ear, O my people, to my law:
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable:
I will utter dark sayings of old:
3 Which we have heard and known,
And our fathers have told us.
4 We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength,
And his wonderful works that he hath done.

5 For he established a testimony in Jacob,
And appointed a law in Israel,
Which he commanded our fathers,
That they should make them known to their children:
6 That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born;
Who should arise and declare them to their children:
7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God,
But keep his commandments:
8 And might not be as their fathers,
A stubborn and rebellious generation;
A generation that set not their heart aright,
And whose spirit was not steadfast with God.
9 The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows,
Turned back in the day of battle.
10 They kept not the covenant of God,
And refused to walk in his law;
11 And forgat his works,
And his wonders that he had shewed them.
12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers,
In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
13 He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through;
And he made the waters to stand as a heap.
14 In the daytime also he led them with a cloud,
And all the night with a light of fire.
15 He clave the rocks in the wilderness,
And gave them drink as out of the great depths.

16 He brought streams also out of the rock,
And caused waters to run down like rivers.
17 And they sinned yet more against him
By provoking the Most High in the wilderness.
18 And they tempted God in their heart
By asking meat for their lust.
19 Yea, they spake against God;
They said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?
20 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed;
Can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?
21 Therefore the LORD heard this, and was wroth:
So a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;
22 Because they believed not in God,
And trusted not in his salvation:
23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above,
And opened the doors of heaven.
24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat,
And had given them of the corn of heaven.
25 Man did eat angels' food:
He sent them meat to the full.
26 He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven:
And by his power he brought in the south wind.
27 He rained flesh also upon them as dust,
And feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:
28 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp,
Round about their habitations.
29 So they did eat, and were well filled:
For he gave them their own desire:

30 They were not estranged from their lust:
But while their meat was yet in their mouths,
31 The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them,
And smote down the chosen men of Israel.
32 For all this they sinned still,
And believed not for his wondrous works.
33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity,
And their years in trouble.
34 When he slew them, then they sought him:
And they returned and inquired early after God.
35 And they remembered that God was their Rock,
And the high God their Redeemer.
36 Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth,
And they lied unto him with their tongues.
37 For their heart was not right with him,
Neither were they steadfast in his covenant.
38 But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not:
Yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.
39 For he remembered that they were but flesh;
A wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.
40 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness,
And grieve him in the desert!
41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God,
And limited the Holy One of Israel.
42 They remembered not his hand,
Nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy:
43 How he had wrought his signs in Egypt,
And his wonders in the field of Zoan:

44 And had turned their rivers into blood;
And their floods, that they could not drink.
45 He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them;
And frogs, which destroyed them.
46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar,
And their labor unto the locust.
47 He destroyed their vines with hail,
And their sycamore trees with frost.
48 He gave up their cattle also to the hail,
And their flocks to hot thunderbolts.
49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger,
Wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.
50 He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death,
But gave their life over to the pestilence:
51 And smote all the firstborn in Egypt;
The chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham:
52 But made his own people to go forth like sheep,
And guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
53 And he led them on safely, so that they feared not:
But the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
54 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary,
Even to this mountain, which his right hand had purchased.
55 He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line,
And made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God,
And kept not his testimonies:
57 But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers:
They were turned aside like a deceitful bow.
58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places,
And moved him to jealousy with their graven images.
59 When God heard this, he was wroth,
And greatly abhorred Israel:
60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh,
The tent which he placed among men;
61 And delivered his strength into captivity,
And his glory into the enemy's hand.
62 He gave his people over also unto the sword;
And was wroth with his inheritance.
63 The fire consumed their young men;
And their maidens were not given to marriage.
64 Their priests fell by the sword;
And their widows made no lamentation.
65 Then the LORD awaked as one out of sleep,
And like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.
66 And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts:
He put them to a perpetual reproach.
67 Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph,
And chose not the tribe of Ephraim:
68 But chose the tribe of Judah,
The mount Zion which he loved.
69 And he built his sanctuary like high palaces,
Like the earth which he hath established for ever.

70 He chose David also his servant,
And took him from the sheepfolds:
71 From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people,
And Israel his inheritance.
72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart;
And guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

PSALM LXXIX.

O GOD, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled;
They have laid Jerusalem on heaps.
2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven,
The flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.
3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem;
And there was none to bury them.
4 We are become a reproach to our neighbors,
A scorn and derision to them that are round about us.
5 How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever?
Shall thy jealousy burn like fire?
6 Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee.
And upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.
7 For they have devoured Jacob,
And laid waste his dwelling-place.

8 O remember not against us former iniquities:
Let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us; for we are brought very low.
9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name:
And deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.
10 Wherefore should the heathen say,
Where is their God?
Let him be known among the heathen in our sight
By the revenging of the blood of thy servants which is shed.
11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee;
According to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die;
12 And render unto our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom their reproach,
Wherewith they have reproached thee, O LORD.
13 So we thy people, and sheep of thy pasture, will give thee thanks for ever:
We will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

PSALM LXXX.

GIVE ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock;
Thou that dwellest between the cherubim, shine forth.
2 Before Ephraim, and Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up thy strength,
And come and save us.

3 Turn us again, O God,
And cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts,
How long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?

5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears;
And givest them tears to drink in great measure.

6 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbors:
And our enemies laugh among themselves.

7 Turn us again, O God of hosts,
And cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt:
Thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

9 Thou preparedst room before it,
And didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land,

10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it,
And the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars.

11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea,
And her branches unto the river.

12 Why hast thou then broken down her hedges,
So that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?

13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it,
And the wild beast of the field doth devour it.

14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts:
Look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted,
And the branch that thou madest strong for thyself.
16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down:
They perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.
17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand,
Upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself.
18 So will not we go back from thee:
Quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.
19 Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts,
Cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

PSALM LXXXI.

SING aloud unto God our strength;
Make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.
2 Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel,
The pleasant harp with the psaltery.
3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon,
In the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.
4 For this was a statute for Israel,
And a law of the God of Jacob.
5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt:
Where I heard a language that I understood not.
6 I removed his shoulder from the burden:
His hands were delivered from the pots.
7 Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee:
I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I proved thee at the waters of Meribah.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee;
O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;
9 There shall no strange god be in thee:
Neither shalt thou worship any strange god
10 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt:
Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
11 But my people would not hearken to my voice;
And Israel would none of me.
12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust:
And they walked in their own counsels.
13 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me,
And Israel had walked in my ways!
14 I should soon have subdued their enemies,
And turned my hand against their adversaries.
15 The haters of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him:
But their time should have endured for ever.
16 He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat:
And with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

PSALM LXXXII.

GOD standeth in the congregation of the mighty;
He judgeth among the gods.
2 How long will ye judge unjustly,
And accept the persons of the wicked?
3 Defend the poor and fatherless;
Do justice to the afflicted and needy.
4 Deliver the poor and needy:
Rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

5 They know not, neither will they understand:
they walk on in darkness:
All the foundations of the earth are out of course.
6 I have said, Ye are gods;
And all of you are children of the Most High.
7 But ye shall die like men,
And fall like one of the princes.
8 Arise, O God, judge the earth:
For thou shalt inherit all nations.

PSALM LXXXIII.

KEEP not thou silence, O God:
Hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.
2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult:
And they that hate thee have lifted up the head.
3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people,
And consulted against thy hidden ones.
4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation;
That the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.
5 For they have consulted together with one consent:
They are confederate against thee:
6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites;
Of Moab, and the Hagarenes;
7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek;
The Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;
8 Assur also is joined with them:
They have holpen the children of Lot.

9 Do unto them as unto the Midianites;
As to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison:
10 Which perished at En-dor:
They became as dung for the earth.
11 Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb:
Yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna:
12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.
13 *O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind.*
14 As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire;
15 *So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.*
16 Fill their faces with shame;
That they may seek thy name, O LORD.
17 Let them be confounded and troubled for ever;
Yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:
18 That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH,
Art the Most High over all the earth.

PSALM LXXXIV

HOW amiable are thy tabernacles,
O LORD *of hosts!*
2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD:
My heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found a house,
And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
Even thine altars, O LORD of hosts
My King and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
They will be still praising thee.

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee;
In whose heart are the ways of them;

6 Who passing through the valley of Baca, make it a well:
The rain also filleth the pools.

7 They go from strength to strength,
Every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer:
Give ear, O God of Jacob

9 Behold, O God our shield,
And look upon the face of thine anointe

10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand.
I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory:
No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12 O LORD OF HOSTS, BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT TRUSTETH IN THEE.

PSALM LXXXV.

LORD, thou hast been favorable unto thy land:
Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.
2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people;
Thou hast covered all their sin.
3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath:
Thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.
4 Turn us, O God of our salvation,
And cause thine anger toward us to cease.
5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever?
Wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?
6 Wilt thou not revive us again:
That thy people may rejoice in thee?
7 Shew us thy mercy, O LORD,
And grant us thy salvation.
8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints:
But let them not turn again to folly.
9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him;
That glory may dwell in our land.
10 Mercy and truth are met together;
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11 Truth shall spring out of the earth;
And righteousness shall look down from heaven.
12 Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good;
And our land shall yield her increase.
13 Righteousness shall go before him;
And shall set us in the way of his steps.

PSALM LXXXVI.

BOW down thine ear, O LORD, hear me:
For I am poor and needy.
2 Preserve my soul; for I am holy:
O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.
3 Be merciful unto me, O LORD:
For I cry unto thee daily.
4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant:
For unto thee, O LORD, *do I lift up my soul.*
5 For thou, LORD, art good, and ready to forgive;
And plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer,
And attend to the voice of my supplications.
7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee:
For thou wilt answer me.
8 Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O LORD;
Neither are there any works like unto thy works.
9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O LORD;
And shall glorify thy name.
10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things:
Thou art God alone.
11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth:
Unite my heart to fear thy name.
12 I will praise thee, O LORD my God, with all my heart:
And I will glorify thy name for evermore.

13 For great is thy mercy toward me:
And thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.
14 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul;
And have not set thee before them.
15 But thou, O LORD, art a God full of compassion, and gracious,
Long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.
16 O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me;
Give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.
17 Shew me a token for good: that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed:
Because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

PSALM LXXXVII.

HIS foundation is in the holy mountains.
2 The LORD loveth the gates of Zion
More than all the dwellings of Jacob.
3 Glorious things are spoken of thee,
O city of God.
4 I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me:
Behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there.
5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her:
And the Highest himself shall establish her.

6 The LORD shall count, when he writetn up the people,
That this man was born there.
7 As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there:
All my springs are in thee.

PSALM LXXXVIII.

O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee:
2 *Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;*
3 For my soul is full of troubles:
And my life draweth nigh unto the grave.
4 I am counted with them that go down into the pit:
I am as a man that hath no strength:
5 Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more:
And they are cut off from thy hand.
6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit,
In darkness, in the deeps.
7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me,
And thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves.
8 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them:
I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.
9 Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee,
I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

10 Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead?
Shall the dead arise and praise thee?
11 Shall thy loving-kindness be declared in the grave?
Or thy faithfulness in destruction?
12 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark?
And thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
13 But unto thee have I cried, O LORD;
And in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.
14 LORD, why castest thou off my soul?
Why hidest thou thy face from me?
15 I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up:
While I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.
16 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me;
Thy terrors have cut me off.
17 They came round about me daily like water;
They compassed me about together.
18 Lover and friend hast thou put far from me,
And mine acquaintance into darkness.

PSALM LXXXIX.

1 I WILL sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever:
With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.
2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever:
Thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

3 I have made a covenant with my chosen,
I have sworn unto David my servant,
4 Thy seed will I establish for ever,
And build up thy throne to all generations.
5 And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD:
Thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.
6 For who in the heavens can be compared unto the LORD?
Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?
7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints,
And to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.
8 O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee?
Or to thy faithfulness round about thee?
9 Thou rulest the raging of the sea:
When the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.
10 Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain;
Thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm.
11 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine:
As for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.
12 The north and the south, thou hast created them:
Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.
13 Thou hast a mighty arm:
Strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne:
Mercy and truth shall go before thy face.
15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound:
They shall walk, O LORD, *in the light of thy countenance.*
16 In thy name shall they rejoice all the day:
And in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.
17 For thou art the glory of their strength:
And in thy favor our horn shall be exalted.
18 For the LORD is our defence;
And the Holy One of Israel is our king.
19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty;
I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
20 I have found David my servant;
With my holy oil have I anointed him,
21 With whom my hand shall be established:
Mine arm also shall strengthen him.
22 The enemy shall not exact upon him:
Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.
23 And I will beat down his foes before his face,
And plague them that hate him.
24 But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him;
And in my name shall his horn be exalted.
25 I will set his hand also in the sea,
And his right hand in the rivers.
26 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my Father,
My God, and the Rock of my salvation.

27 Also I will make him my first-born,
Higher than the kings of the earth.

28 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore,
And my covenant shall stand fast with him.

29 His seed also will I make to endure for ever,
And his throne as the days of heaven.

30 If his children forsake my law,
And walk not in my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes,
And keep not my commandments;

32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod,
And their iniquity with stripes.

33 Nevertheless my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him,
Nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

34 My covenant will I not break,
Nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips,

35 Once have I sworn by my holiness, that I will not lie unto David.

36 *His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.*

37 It shall be established for ever as the moon,
And as a faithful witness in heaven.

38 But thou hast cast off and abhorred,
Thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.

39 Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant:
Thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.

40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges;
Thou hast brought his strongholds to ruin.

41 All that pass by the way spoil him:
He is a reproach to his neighbors.

42 Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries;
Thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.

43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword,
And hast not made him to stand in the battle.

44 Thou hast made his glory to cease,
And cast his throne down to the ground.

45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened:
Thou hast covered him with shame.

46 How long, LORD? wilt thou hide thyself for ever?
Shall thy wrath burn like fire?

47 Remember how short my time is:
Wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?

48 What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death?
Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?

49 LORD, where are thy former loving-kindnesses,
Which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?

50 Remember, LORD, the reproach of thy servants;
How I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty people;

51 Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O LORD;
Wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.

52 BLESSED BE THE LORD FOR EVERMORE. AMEN, AND AMEN.

Psalm XC.

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling-place,
In all generations.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.
3 Thou turnest man to destruction;
And sayest, Return, ye children of men.
4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past,
And as a watch in the night.
5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep:
In the morning they are like grass which groweth up;
6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up;
In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.
7 For we are consumed by thine anger,
And by thy wrath are we troubled.
8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee,
Our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath:
We spend our years as a tale that is told.
10 The days of our years are threescore years and ten:
And if by reason of strength they be fourscore years,
Yet is their strength labor and sorrow;
For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger?
Even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.
12 So teach us to number our days,
That we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
13 Return, O LORD, how long?
And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.
14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy:
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
15 Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us,
And the years wherein we have seen evil.
16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants,
And thy glory unto their children.
17 And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us:
And establish thou the work of our hands upon us;
YEA, THE WORK OF OUR HANDS ESTABLISH THOU IT.

PSALM XCI.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High,
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress:
My God; in him will I trust.
3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler,
And from the noisome pestilence.
4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust:
His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night,
Nor for the arrow that flieth by day,
6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness,
Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand;
But it shall not come nigh thee.
8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold,
And see the reward of the wicked.
9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge,
Even the Most High, thy habitation,
10 There shall no evil befall thee,
Neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee,
To keep thee in all thy ways.
12 They shall bear thee up in their hands,
Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder:
The young lion, and the dragon, shalt thou trample under feet.
14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him:
I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble;
I will deliver him, and honor him.
16 With long life will I satisfy him,
And shew him my salvation.

PSALM XCII.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD,
And to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High:
2 To shew forth thy loving-kindness in the morning,
And thy faithfulness every night,
3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery;
Upon the harp with a solemn sound.
4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work:
I will triumph in the works of thy hands.
5 O LORD, how great are thy works!
And thy thoughts are very deep.
6 A brutish man knoweth not;
Neither doth a fool understand this.
7 When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever:
8 *But thou,* LORD, *art most high for evermore.*
9 For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish;
All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of a unicorn:
I shall be anointed with fresh oil.
11 Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies,
And mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me.

12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree:
He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD
Shall flourish in the courts of our God.
14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age;
They shall be fat and flourishing;
15 To shew that the LORD is upright:
HE IS MY ROCK, AND THERE IS NO UNRIGHTOUSNESS IN HIM.

PSALM XCIII.

THE LORD reigneth,
He is clothed with majesty;
The LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself:
The world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.
2 Thy throne is established of old:
Thou art from everlasting.
3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice;
The floods lift up their waves.
4 The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters,
Yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.
5 Thy testimonies are very sure:
Holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, *for ever.*

PSALM XCIV.

O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth;
O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself.

2 Lift up thyself, thou Judge of the earth:
Render a reward to the proud.
3 LORD, how long shall the wicked,
How long shall the wicked triumph?
4 How long shall they utter and speak hard things?
And all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?
5 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD,
And afflict thine heritage.
6 They slay the widow and the stranger,
And murder the fatherless.
7 Yet they say, The LORD shall not see,
Neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.
8 Understand, ye brutish among the people:
And ye fools, when will ye be wise?
9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear?
He that formed the eye, shall he not see?
10 He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct?
He that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know?
11 The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man,
That they are vanity.
12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD,
And teachest him out of thy law;
13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity,
Until the pit be digged for the wicked.
14 For the LORD will not cast off his people,
Neither will he forsake his inheritance.
15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness:
And all the upright in heart shall follow it.

16 Who will rise up for me against the evil doers?
Or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?
17 Unless the LORD had been my help,
My soul had almost dwelt in silence.
18 When I said, My foot slippeth;
Thy mercy, O LORD, *held me up.*
19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me
Thy comforts delight my soul.
20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee,
Which frameth mischief by a law?
21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous,
And condemn the innocent blood.
22 But the LORD is my defence;
And my God is the rock of refuge.
23 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity,
And shall cut them off in their wickedness;
YEA, THE LORD OUR GOD SHALL CUT THEM OFF.

PSALM XCV.

O come, let us sing unto the LORD:
Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,
And make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
3 For the LORD is a great God,
And a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth:
The strength of the hills is his also.
5 The sea is his, and he made it:
And his hands formed the dry land.
6 O come, let us worship and bow down:
Let us kneel before the LORD *our Maker.*
7 For he is our God;
And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
8 To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your heart, as in the provocation,
And as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:
9 When your fathers tempted me,
Proved me, and saw my work.
10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart,
And they have not known my ways:
11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath,
That they should not enter into my rest.

PSALM XCVI.

O sing unto the LORD a new song:
Sing unto the LORD, *all the earth.*
2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name;
Shew forth his salvation from day to day.
3 Declare his glory among the heathen,
His wonders among all people.
4 For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised:
He is to be feared above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the nations are idols:
But the LORD *made the heavens.*
6 Honor and majesty are before him:
Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
7 Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people,
Give unto the LORD *glory and strength.*
8 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name:
Bring an offering, and come into his courts.
9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness:
Fear before him, all the earth.
10 Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth:
the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved:
He shall judge the people righteously.
11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.
12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein:
Then shall the trees of the wood rejoice
13 Before the LORD: for he cometh,
For he cometh to judge the earth:
He shall judge the world with righteousness,
And the people with his truth.

PSALM XCVII.

THE LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice;
Let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.
2 Clouds and darkness are round about him:
Righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.
3 A fire goeth before him,
And burneth up his enemies round about.

4 His lightnings enlightened the world
The earth saw, and trembled.
5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD,
At the presence of the LORD *of the whole earth.*
6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
And all the people see his glory.
7 Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols:
Worship him, all ye gods.
8 Zion heard and was glad: and the daughters of Judah rejoiced,
Because of thy judgments, O LORD.
9 For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth:
Thou art exalted far above all gods.
10 Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints;
He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.
11 Light is sown for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in heart.
12 Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous,
And give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

PSALM XCVIII.

O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things:
His right hand and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.
2 The LORD hath made known his salvation:
His righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

3 He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel:
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
4 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth:
Make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.
5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp;
With the harp, and the voice of a psalm.
6 With trumpets, and sound of cornet,
Make a joyful noise before the LORD, *the King.*
7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof;
The world, and they that dwell therein.
8 Let the floods clap their hands:
Let the hills be joyful together
9 Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth;
With righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

PSALM XCIX.

THE LORD reigneth; let the people tremble:
He sitteth between the cherubim; let the earth be moved.
2 The LORD is great in Zion;
And he is high above all the people.
3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name;
For it is holy.
4 The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity,
Thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Exalt ye the LORD our God,
And worship at his footstool; for he is holy.
6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name;
They called upon the LORD, *and he answered them.*
7 He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar:
They kept his testimonies, and the ordinance that he gave them.
8 Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God:
Thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.
9 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill;
For the LORD *our God is holy.*

PSALM C.

MAKE a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.
2 *Serve the* LORD *with gladness: come before his presence with singing.*
3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:
Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting;
And his truth endureth to all generations.

PSALM CI.

I WILL sing of mercy and judgment:
Unto thee, O LORD, *will I sing.*

2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way.
O when wilt thou come unto me?
I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.
3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes:
I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.
4 A froward heart shall depart from me:
I will not know a wicked person.
5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off:
Him that hath a high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.
6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me:
He that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.
7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house:
He that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.
8 I will early destroy all the wicked of the land,
That I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

PSALM CII.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD,
And let my cry come unto thee.
2 Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me:
In the day when I call answer me speedily.
3 For my days are consumed like smoke,
And my bones are burned as a hearth.

4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass;
So that I forget to eat my bread.
5 By reason of the voice of my groaning, my bones cleave to my skin.
6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness:
I am like an owl of the desert.
7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the housetop.
8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day;
And they that are mad against me are sworn against me.
9 For I have eaten ashes like bread,
And mingled my drink with weeping,
10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath:
For thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.
11 My days are like a shadow that declineth;
And I am withered like grass.
12 But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever;
And thy remembrance unto all generations.
13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion:
For the time to favor her, yea, the set time, is come.
14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones,
And favor the dust thereof.
15 So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD,
And all the kings of the earth thy glory.
16 When the LORD shall build up Zion,
He shall appear in his glory.
17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute,
And not despise their prayer.
18 This shall be written for the generation to come,
And the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary;
From heaven did the LORD *behold the earth;*
20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner:
To loose those that are appointed to death;
21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion,
And his praise in Jerusalem;
22 When the people are gathered together,
And the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.
23 He weakened my strength in the way;
He shortened my days.
24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days:
Thy years are throughout all generations.
25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth:
And the heavens are the work of thy hands.
26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure:
Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment;
As a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:
27 *But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.*
28 The children of thy servants shall continue,
And their seed shall be established before thee.

PSALM CIII.

BLESS the LORD, O my soul:
And all that is within me, bless his holy name.
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits:

3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
Who healeth all thy diseases;
4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;
Who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies:
5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things;
So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.
6 The LORD executeth righteousness,
And judgment for all that are oppressed.
7 He made known his ways unto Moses,
His acts unto the children of Israel.
8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and plenteous in mercy.
9 He will not always chide:
Neither will he keep his anger forever.
10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins;
Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
11 For as the heaven is high above the earth,
So great is his mercy toward them that fear him.
12 As far as the east is from the west,
So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
13 Like as a father pitieth his children,
So the LORD *pitieth them that fear him.*
14 For he knoweth our frame;
He remembereth that we are dust.
15 As for man, his days are as grass:
As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;
And the place thereof shall know it no more.
17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him.
And his righteousness unto children's children;

18 To such as keep his covenant,
And to those that remember his commandments to do them.
19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens:
And his kingdom ruleth over all.
20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength,
That do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.
21 Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts;
Ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.
22 Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion:
BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL.

PSALM CIV.

BLESS the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God thou art very great;
Thou art clothed with honor and majesty.
2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment:
Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:
3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot:
Who walketh upon the wings of the wind:
4 Who maketh his angels spirits;
His ministers a flaming fire:
5 Who laid the foundations of the earth,
That it should not be removed for ever.

6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment:
The waters stood above the mountains.
7 At thy rebuke they fled;
At the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.
8 They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys,
Unto the place which thou hast founded for them.
9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over;
That they turn not again to cover the earth.
10 He sendeth the springs into the valleys,
Which run among the hills.
11 They give drink to every beast of the field:
The wild asses quench their thirst.
12 By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation,
Which sing among the branches.
13 He watereth the hills from his chambers:
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.
14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle,
And herb for the service of man:
That he may bring forth food out of the earth;
15 *And wine that maketh glad the heart of man,*
And oil to make his face to shine,
And bread which strengtheneth man's heart.
16 The trees of the LORD are full of sap;
The cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;
17 Where the birds make their nests:
As for the stork, the fir trees are her house.
18 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats,
And the rocks for the conies.

19 He appointed the moon for seasons:
The sun knoweth his going down.
20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night:
Wherein all the beasts of the forests do creep forth.
21 The young lions roar after their prey,
And seek their meat from God.
22 The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together,
And lay them down in their dens.
23 Man goeth forth unto his work,
And to his labor until the evening.
24 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all:
The earth is full of thy riches.
25 So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable,
Both small and great beasts.
26 There go the ships:
There is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.
27 These wait all upon thee:
That thou mayest give them their meat in due season.
28 That thou givest them they gather:
Thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.
29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled:
Thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.
30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created:
And thou renewest the face of the earth.
31 The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever:
The LORD *shall rejoice in his works.*

32 He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth:
He toucheth the hills, and they smoke.
33 I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live:
I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
34 My meditation of him shall be sweet:
I will be glad in the LORD.
35 Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth,
And let the wicked be no more.
Bless thou the LORD, O my soul.
PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM CV.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name;
Make known his deeds among the people.
2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him:
Talk ye of all his wondrous works.
3 Glory ye in his holy name:
Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.
4 Seek the LORD, and his strength:
Seek his face evermore.
5 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done;
His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;
6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant,
Ye children of Jacob his chosen.
7 He is the LORD our God:
His judgments are in all the earth.
8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever,
The word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

9 Which covenant he made with Abraham,
And his oath unto Isaac.
10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law,
And to Israel for an everlasting covenant:
11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan,
The lot of your inheritance:
12 When they were but a few men in number;
Yea, very few, and strangers in it.
13 When they went from one nation to another,
From one kingdom to another people:
14 He suffered no man to do them wrong:
Yea, he reproved kings for their sakes;
15 Saying, Touch not mine anointed,
And do my prophets no harm.
16 Moreover he called for a famine upon the land:
He brake the whole staff of bread.
17 He sent a man before them,
Even Joseph, who was sold for a servant:
18 Whose feet they hurt with fetters:
He was laid in iron:
19 Until the time that his word came:
The word of the LORD *tried him.*
20 The king sent and loosed him:
Even the ruler of the people, and let him go free.
21 He made him lord of his house,
And ruler of all his substance:
22 To bind his princes at his pleasure;
And teach his senators wisdom.
23 Israel also came into Egypt;
And Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
24 And he increased his people greatly;
And made them stronger than their enemies.

25 He turned their heart to hate his people,
To deal subtilely with his servants.
26 He sent Moses his servant;
And Aaron whom he had chosen.
27 They shewed his signs among them,
And wonders in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness, and made it dark;
And they rebelled not against his word
29 He turned their waters into blood,
And slew their fish.
30 Their land brought forth frogs in abundance,
In the chambers of their kings.
31 He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies,
And lice in all their coasts.
32 He gave them hail for rain,
And flaming fire in their land.
33 He smote their vines also, and their fig trees;
And brake the trees of their coasts.
34 He spake, and the locusts came,
And caterpillars, and that without number,
35 And did eat up all the herbs in their land,
And devoured the fruit of their ground.
36 He smote also all the firstborn in their land,
The chief of all their strength.
37 He brought them forth also with silver and gold:
And there was not one feeble person among their tribes.
38 Egypt was glad when they departed:
For the fear of them fell upon them.
39 He spread a cloud for a covering;
And fire to give light in the night.
40 The people asked, and he brought quails,
And satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

41 He opened the rock and the waters gushed out;
They ran in the dry places like a river.
42 For he remembered his holy promise,
And Abraham, his servant.
43 And he brought forth his people with joy,
And his chosen with gladness:
44 And gave them the lands of the heathen:
And they inherited the labor of the people;
45 That they might observe his statutes,
And keep his laws.
PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM CVI.

PRAISE ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD?
Who can shew forth all his praise?
3 Blessed are they that keep judgment,
And he that doeth righteousness at all times.
4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor that thou bearest unto thy people:
O visit me with thy salvation;
5 That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation,
That I may glory with thine inheritance.
6 We have sinned with our fathers,
We have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt;
They remembered not the multitude of thy mercies;
But provoked him at the sea,
Even at the Red Sea.
8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake,
That he might make his mighty power to be known.
9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up:
So he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.
10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them,
And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
11 And the waters covered their enemies:
There was not one of them left.
12 Then believed they his words;
They sang his praise.
13 They soon forgat his works;
They waited not for his counsel:
14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness,
And tempted God in the desert.
15 And he gave them their request;
But sent leanness into their soul.
16 They envied Moses also in the camp,
And Aaron the saint of the LORD.
17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan,
And covered the company of Abiram.
18 And a fire was kindled in their company;
The flame burned up the wicked.
19 They made a calf in Horeb,
And worshipped the molten image.

20 Thus they changed their glory into the similitude
of an ox that eateth grass.

21 *They forgat God their saviour, which had done*
great things in Egypt;

22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham,
And terrible things by the Red Sea.

23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them,
Had not Moses his chosen stood before him in
the breach,
To turn away his wrath,
Lest he should destroy them.

24 Yea, they despised the pleasant land,
They believed not his word:

25 But murmured in their tents,
And hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.

26 Therefore he lifted up his hand against them,
To overthrow them in the wilderness:

27 To overthrow their seed also among the nations,
And to scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor,
And ate the sacrifices of the dead.

29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their
inventions:
And the plague brake in upon them.

30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment:
And so the plague was stayed.

31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness,
Unto all generations for evermore.

32 They angered him also at the waters of strife,
So that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:

33 Because they provoked his spirit,
So that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the nations,
Concerning whom the LORD *commanded them:*
35 But were mingled among the heathen,
And learned their works.
36 And they served their idols:
Which were a snare unto them.
37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,
38 *And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters,*
Whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan:
And the land was polluted with blood.
39 Thus were they defiled with their own works,
And went a whoring with their own inventions.
40 Therefore as the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people,
Insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.
41 And he gave them into the hand of the heathen;
And they that hated them ruled over them.
42 Their enemies also oppressed them,
And they were brought into subjection under their hand.
43 Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked him with their counsel,
And were brought low for their iniquity.
44 Nevertheless he regarded their affliction,
When he heard their cry:
45 And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies.
46 *He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.*

47 Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen,
To give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.
48 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting:
And let all the people say, Amen.
PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM CVII.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is good,
For his mercy endureth for ever.
2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
Whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;
3 And gathered them out of the lands,
From the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.
4 They wandered in the wilderness, in a solitary way;
They found no city to dwell in.
5 Hungry and thirsty,
Their soul fainted in them.
6 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble,
And he delivered them out of their distresses.
7 And he led them forth by the right way,
That they might go to a city of habitation.
8 O that men would praise the LORD for his goodness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men!

9 For he satisfieth the longing soul,
And filleth the hungry soul with goodness.
10 Such as sit in darkness and the shadow of death,
Being bound in affliction and iron;
11 Because they rebelled against the words of God,
And contemned the counsel of the Most High:
12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labor;
They fell down, and there was none to help.
13 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble,
And he saved them out of their distresses.
14 He brought them out of darkness, and the shadow of death,
And brake their bands in sunder.
15 O that men would praise the LORD for his goodness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men!
16 For he hath broken the gates of brass,
And cut the bars of iron in sunder.
17 Fools, because of their transgression,
And because of their iniquities, are afflicted.
18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat;
And they draw near unto the gates of death.
19 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble,
And he saveth them out of their distresses.
20 He sent his word, and healed them,
And delivered them from their destructions.
21 O that men would praise the LORD for his goodness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men!

22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And declare his works with rejoicing.
23 They that go down to the sea in ships,
That do business in great waters;
24 These see the works of the LORD,
And his wonders in the deep.
25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind,
Which lifteth up the waves thereof.
26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths;
Their soul is melted because of trouble.
27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,
And are at their wit's end.
28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble,
And he bringeth them out of their distresses.
29 He maketh the storm a calm,
So that the waves thereof are still.
30 Then are they glad because they be quiet;
So he bringeth them unto their desired haven.
31 O that men would praise the LORD for his goodness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men!
32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people,
And praise him to the assembly of the elders.
33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness,
And the watersprings into dry ground;
34 A fruitful land into barrenness,
For the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

35 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water,
And the dry ground into waterspringS.
36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell,
That they may prepare a city for habitation;
37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards,
Which may yield fruits of increase.
38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly;
And suffereth not their cattle to decrease.
39 Again, they are minished and brought low,
Through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.
40 He poureth contempt upon princes,
And causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way.
41 Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction,
And maketh him families like a flock.
42 The righteous shall see it, and rejoice:
And all iniquity shall stop her mouth.
43 Whoso is wise, and will observe these things,
Even they shall understand the loving kindness of the LORD.

PSALM CVIII.

O GOD, my heart is fixed;
I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.
2 Awake, psaltery and harp:
I myself will awake early.
3 I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people:
And I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
4 For thy mercy is great above the heavens:
And thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens:
And thy glory above all the earth;
6 That thy beloved may be delivered:
Save with thy right hand, and answer me.
7 God hath spoken in his holiness:
I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
8 Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine;
Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver;
9 Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe;
Over Philistia will I triumph.
10 Who will bring me into the strong city?
Who will lead me into Edom?
11 Wilt not thou, O God, who hast cast us off?
And wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?
12 Give us help from trouble:
For vain is the help of man.
13 Through God we shall do valiantly:
For he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

Psalm CIX.

HOLD not thy peace, O God of my praise;
2 For the mouth of the wicked, and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me:
They have spoken against me with a lying tongue.
3 They compassed me about also with words of hatred;
And fought against me without a cause.

4 For my love they are my adversaries.
But I give myself unto prayer.
5 And they have rewarded me evil for good,
And hatred for my love.
6 Set thou a wicked man over him:
And let Satan stand at his right hand.
7 When he shall be judged, let him be condemned:
And let his prayer become sin.
8 Let his days be few;
And let another take his office.
9 Let his children be fatherless,
And his wife a widow.
10 Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg:
Let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places.
11 Let the extortioner catch all that he hath;
And let the strangers spoil his labor.
12 Let there be none to extend mercy unto him:
Neither let there be any to favor his fatherless children.
13 Let his posterity be cut off;
And in the generation following let their name be blotted out.
14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD;
And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.
15 Let them be before the LORD continually,
That he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.
16 Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man,
That he might even slay the broken in heart.

17 As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him:
As he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.
18 As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment,
So let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.
19 Let it be unto him as the garment which covereth him,
And for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.
20 Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD,
And of them that speak evil against my soul.
21 But do thou for me, O GOD the Lord, for thy name's sake:
Because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me.
22 For I am poor and needy,
And my heart is wounded within me.
23 I am gone like the shadow when it declineth:
I am tossed up and down as the locust.
24 My knees are weak through fasting;
And my flesh faileth of fatness.
25 I became also a reproach unto them:
When they looked upon me they shaked their heads.
26 Help me, O LORD my God:
O save me according to thy mercy:
27 That they may know that this is thy hand;
That thou, LORD, *hast done it.*
28 Let them curse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed;
But let thy servant rejoice.

29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame;
And let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle.

30 I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth;
Yea, I will praise him among the multitude.

31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor,
To save him from those that condemn his soul.

PSALM CX.

THE LORD said unto my LORD, Sit thou at my right hand,
Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion:
Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power,
In the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning:
Thou hast the dew of thy youth.

4 *The* LORD *hath sworn, and will not repent,*
Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

5 *The* LORD *at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.*

6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies;
He shall wound the heads over many countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way:
Therefore shall he lift up the head.

PSALM CXI.

PRAISE ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart,
In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

2 The works of the LORD are great,
Sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

3 His work is honorable and glorious:
And his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered:
The LORD *is gracious and full of compassion.*

5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him:
He will ever be mindful of his covenant.

6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works,
That he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment;
All his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever,
And are done in truth and uprightness.

9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever:
Holy and reverend is his name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom:
A good understanding have all they that do his commandments:

HIS PRAISE ENDURETH FOR EVER.

PSALM CXII.

PRAISE ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD,
That delighteth greatly in his commandments.
2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth:
The generation of the upright shall be blessed.
3 Wealth and riches shall be in his house:
And his righteousness endureth for ever.
4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness:
He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.
5 A good man sheweth favor, and lendeth;
He will guide his affairs with discretion.
6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever:
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.
7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings:
His heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.
8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid,
Until he see his desire upon his enemies.
9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor: His righteousness endureth for ever;
His horn shall be exalted with honor.
10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away:
The desire of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM CXIII.

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD,
Praise the name of the LORD.

2 Blessed be the name of the LORD,
From this time forth and for evermore.
3 From the rising of the sun, unto the going down of the same,
The LORD'S *name is to be praised.*
4 The LORD is high above all nations,
And his glory above the heavens.
5 Who is like unto the LORD our God,
Who dwelleth on high,
6 Who humbleth himself to behold
The things that are in heaven, and in the earth!
7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,
And lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;
8 That he may set him with princes,
Even with the princes of his people.
9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house,
And to be a joyful mother of children.
PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM CXIV.

WHEN Israel went out of Egypt,
The house of Jacob from a people of strange language;
2 Judah was his sanctuary,
And Israel his dominion.
3 The sea saw it, and fled:
Jordan was driven back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams,
And the little hills like lambs.
5 What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest?
Thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams;
And ye little hills, like lambs?

7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the LORD.
At the presence of the God of Jacob;

8 Which turned the rock into a standing water,
The flint into a fountain of waters.

PSALM CXV.

NOT unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory,
For thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

2 Wherefore should the heathen say,
Where is now their God?

3 But our God is in the heavens:
He hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

4 Their idols are silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.

5 They have mouths, but they speak not:
Eyes have they, but they see not:

6 They have ears, but they hear not:
Noses have they, but they smell not:

7 They have hands, but they handle not:
Feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

8 They that make them are like unto them;
So is every one that trusteth in them.

9 O Israel, trust thou in the LORD:
He is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD:
He is their help and their shield.

11 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD:
He is their help and their shield.

12 The LORD hath been mindful of us: he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel;
He will bless the house of Aaron.

13 He will bless them that fear the LORD
Both small and great.

14 The LORD shall increase you more and more,
You and your children.

15 Ye are blessed of the LORD,
Which made heaven and earth.

16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S:
But the earth hath he given to the children of men.

17 The dead praise not the LORD,
Neither any that go down into silence.

18 But we will bless the LORD,
From this time forth, and for evermore.
PRAISE THE LORD.

PSALM CXVI.

I LOVE the LORD,
Because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,
Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me:
I found trouble and sorrow.

4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD;
O LORD, *I beseech thee, deliver my soul.*

5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
Yea, our God is merciful.
6 The LORD preserveth the simple:
I was brought low, and he helped me.
7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul;
For the LORD *hath dealt bountifully with thee*
8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death,
Mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.
9 I will walk before the LORD
In the land of the living.
10 I believed, therefore have I spoken:
I was greatly afflicted:
11 I said in my haste,
All men are liars.
12 What shall I render unto the LORD
For all his benefits toward me?
13 I will take the cup of salvation,
And call upon the name of the LORD.
14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD
Now in the presence of all his people.
15 Precious in the sight of the LORD
Is the death of his saints.
16 O LORD, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid:
Thou hast loosed my bonds.
17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
And will call upon the name of the LORD.
18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD
Now in the presence of all his people,
19 In the courts of the LORD'S house,
In the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.
PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM CXVII.

O PRAISE the LORD, all ye nations:
Praise him, all ye people.
2 For his merciful kindness is great toward us:
And the truth of the LORD *endureth for ever.*
PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM CXVIII.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for he is good:
Because his mercy endureth for ever.
2 Let Israel now say,
That his mercy endureth for ever.
3 Let the house of Aaron now say,
That his mercy endureth for ever.
4 Let them now that fear the LORD say,
That his mercy endureth for ever.
5 I called upon the LORD in distress:
The LORD *answered me, and set me in a large place.*
6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear:
What can man do unto me?
7 The LORD taketh my part with them that help me:
Therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.
8 It is better to trust in the LORD
Than to put confidence in man.
9 It is better to trust in the LORD
Than to put confidence in princes.

10 All nations compassed me about:
But in the name of the LORD *will I destroy them.*
11 They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about:
But in the name of the LORD *I will destroy them.*
12 They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns:
For in the name of the LORD *I will destroy them.*
13 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall:
But the LORD *helped me.*
14 The LORD is my strength and song,
And is become my salvation.
15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous:
The right hand of the LORD *doeth valiantly.*
16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted:
The right hand of the LORD *doeth valiantly.*
17 I shall not die, but live,
And declare the works of the LORD.
18 The LORD hath chastened me sore:
But he hath not given me over unto death.
19 Open to me the gates of righteousness:
I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD:
20 This gate of the LORD,
Into which the righteous shall enter.
21 I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me,
And art become my salvation.
22 The stone which the builders refused
Is become the head stone of the corner.
23 This is the LORD'S doing;
It is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day which the LORD hath made:
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD:
O LORD, *I beseech thee, send now prosperity.*
26 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD;
We have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.
27 God is the LORD, which hath shewed us light:
Bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.
28 Thou art my God, and I will praise thee:
Thou art my God, I will exalt thee.
29 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good:
For his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM CXIX.

ALEPH.

BLESSED are the undefiled in the way,
Who walk in the law of the LORD.
2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies,
And that seek him with the whole heart.
3 They also do no iniquity:
They walk in his ways.
4 Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.
5 *O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!*
6 Then shall I not be ashamed,
When I have respect unto all thy commandments.
7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart,
When I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

8 I will keep thy statutes:
O forsake me not utterly.

BETH.

9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed thereto according to thy word.
10 With my whole heart have I sought thee:
O let me not wander from thy commandments.
11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart,
That I might not sin against thee.
12 Blessed art thou, O LORD:
Teach me thy statutes.
13 With my lips have I declared
All the judgments of thy mouth.
14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies,
As much as in all riches.
15 I will meditate in thy precepts,
And have respect unto thy ways.
16 I will delight myself in thy statutes:
I will not forget thy word.

GIMEL.

17 Deal bountifully with thy servant,
That I may live, and keep thy word.
18 Open thou mine eyes,
That I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.
19 I am a stranger in the earth:
Hide not thy commandments from me.
20 My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath
Unto thy judgments at all times.
21 Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed,
Which do err from thy commandments.

22 Remove from me reproach and contempt;
For I have kept thy testimonies.
23 Princes also did sit and speak against me:
But thy servants did meditate in thy statutes.
24 Thy testimonies also are my delight,
And my counsellors.

DALETH.

25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust:
Quicken thou me according to thy word.
26 I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me:
Teach me thy statutes.
27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts:
So shall I talk of thy wondrous works.
28 My soul melteth for heaviness:
Strengthen thou me according unto thy word.
29 Remove from me the way of lying:
And grant me thy law graciously.
30 I have chosen the way of truth:
Thy judgments have I laid before me.
31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies:
O LORD, *put me not to shame.*
32 I will run the way of thy commandments,
When thou shalt enlarge my heart.

HE.

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes;
And I shall keep it unto the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law:
Yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.
35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments;
For therein do I delight.

36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,
And not to covetousness.

37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity;
And quicken thou me in thy way.

38 Stablish thy word unto thy servant,
Who is devoted to thy fear.

39 Turn away my reproach which I fear:
For thy judgments are good.

40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts:
Quicken me in thy righteousness.

VAU.

41 Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD,
Even thy salvation, according to thy word.

42 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me:
For I trust in thy word.

43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth;
For I have hoped in thy judgments.

44 So shall I keep thy law continually
For ever and ever.

45 And I will walk at liberty:
For I seek thy precepts.

46 I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings,
And will not be ashamed.

47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments,
Which I have loved.

48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved;
And I will meditate in thy statutes.

ZAIN.

49 Remember the word unto thy servant,
Upon which thou hast caused me to hope.
50 This is my comfort in my affliction:
For thy word hath quickened me.
51 The proud have had me greatly in derision:
Yet have I not declined from thy law.
52 I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD;
And have comforted myself.
53 Horror hath taken hold upon me
Because of the wicked that jorsake thy law.
54 Thy statutes have been my songs
In the house of my pilgrimage.
55 I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night,
And have kept thy law.
56 This I had,
Because I kept thy precepts.

CHETH.

57 Thou art my portion, O LORD:
I have said that I would keep thy words.
58 I entreated thy favor with my whole heart:
Be merciful unto me according to thy word.
59 I thought on my ways,
And turned my feet unto thy testimonies.
60 I made haste,
And delayed not to keep thy commandments.
61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me:
But I have not forgotten thy law.
62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee,
Because of thy righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee,
And of them that keep thy precepts.
64 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy:
Teach me thy statutes.

TETH.

65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD,
According unto thy word.
66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge:
For I have believed thy commandments.
67 Before I was afflicted I went astray:
But now have I kept thy word.
68 Thou art good, and doest good:
Teach me thy statutes.
69 The proud have forged a lie against me:
But I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.
70 Their heart is as fat as grease:
But I delight in thy law.
71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted;
That I might learn thy statutes.
72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me
Than thousands of gold and silver.

JOD.

73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me:
Give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.
74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me;
Because I have hoped in thy word.
75 I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right,
And that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort,
According to thy word unto thy servant.
77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live:
For thy law is my delight.
78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they deait perversely with me without a cause:
But I will meditate in thy precepts.
79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me,
And those that have known thy testimonies.
80 Let my heart be sound in thy statutes;
That I be not ashamed.

CAPH.

81 My soul fainteth for thy salvation:
But I hope in thy word.
82 Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying,
When wilt thou comfort me?
83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke;
Yet do I not forget thy statutes.
84 How many are the days of thy servant?
When wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?
85 The proud have digged pits for me,
Which are not after thy law.
86 All thy commandments are faithful:
They persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.
87 They had almost consumed me upon earth;
But I forsook not thy precepts.
88 Quicken me after thy loving kindness;
So shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

LAMED.

89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.
90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations:
Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.
91 They continue this day according to thine ordinances:
For all are thy servants.
92 Unless thy law had been my delights,
I should then have perished in mine affliction.
93 I will never forget thy precepts:
For with them thou hast quickened me.
94 I am thine, save me;
For I have sought thy precepts.
95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me:
But I will consider thy testimonies.
96 I have seen an end of all perfection:
But thy commandment is exceeding broad.

MEM.

97 O how love I thy law!
It is my meditation all the day.
98 Thou, through thy commandments, hast made me wiser than mine enemies:
For they are ever with me.
99 I have more understanding than all my teachers:
For thy testimonies are my meditation.
100 I understand more than the ancients,
Because I keep thy precepts.
101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way,
That I might keep thy word.
102 I have not departed from thy judgments:
For thou hast taught me.

103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste!
Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth.
104 Through thy precepts I get understanding:
Therefore I hate every false way.

NUN.

105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light unto my path.
106 I have sworn, and I will perform it,
That I will keep thy righteous judgments.
107 I am afflicted very much:
Quicken me, O LORD, *according unto thy word.*
108 Accept, I beseech thee, the free will offerings of my mouth, O LORD,
And teach me thy judgments.
109 My soul is continually in my hand:
Yet do I not forget thy law.
110 The wicked have laid a snare for me:
Yet I erred not from thy precepts.
111 Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage for ever:
For they are the rejoicing of my heart.
112 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always,
Even unto the end.

SAMECH.

113 I hate vain thoughts:
But thy law do I love.
114 Thou art my hiding place and my shield:
I hope in thy word.
115 Depart from me, ye evil doers,
For I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live:
And let me not be ashamed of my hope.
117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe:
And I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.
118 Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes:
For their deceit is falsehood.
119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross:
Therefore I love thy testimonies.
120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee;
And I am afraid of thy judgments.

AIN.

121 I have done judgment and justice:
Leave me not to mine oppressors.
122 Be surety for thy servant for good:
Let not the proud oppress me.
123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation,
And for the word of thy righteousness.
124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy,
And teach me thy statutes.
125 I am thy servant; give me understanding,
That I may know thy testimonies.
126 It is time for thee, LORD, to work:
For they have made void thy law.
127 Therefore I love thy commandments above gold;
Yea, above fine gold.

128 Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning
all things to be right;
And I hate every false way.

PE.

129 Thy testimonies are wonderful:
Therefore doth my soul keep them.
130 The entrance of thy words giveth light;
It giveth understanding unto the simple.
131 I opened my mouth, and panted:
For I longed for thy commandments.
132 Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me,
As thou usest to do unto those that love thy name
133 Order my steps in thy word:
And let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
134 Deliver me from the oppression of man:
So will I keep thy precepts.
135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant;
And teach me thy statutes.
136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes,
Because they keep not thy law.

TZADDI.

137 Righteous art thou, O LORD,
And upright are thy judgments.
138 Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded
Are righteous and very faithful.
139 My zeal hath consumed me,
Because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.
140 Thy word is very pure:
Therefore thy servant loveth it.
141 I am small and despised:
Yet do not I forget thy precepts.

142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
And thy law is the truth.
143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me:
Yet thy commandments are my delights.
144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting:
Give me understanding, and I shall live.

KOPH.

145 I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O LORD:
I will keep thy statutes.
146 I cried unto thee; save me,
And I shall keep thy testimonies.
147 I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried:
I hoped in thy word.
148 Mine eyes prevent the night watches,
That I might meditate in thy word.
149 Hear my voice according unto thy loving kindness:
O LORD, *quicken me according to thy judgment.*
150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief:
They are far from thy law.
151 Thou art near, O LORD;
And all thy commandments are truth.
152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known old
That thou hast founded them for ever.

RESH.

153 Consider mine affliction, and deliver me:
For I do not forget thy law.

154 Plead my cause, and deliver me:
Quicken me according to thy word.
155 Salvation is far from the wicked:
For they seek not thy statutes.
156 Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD:
Quicken me according to thy judgments.
157 Many are my persecutors and mine enemies:
Yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.
158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved;
Because they kept not thy word.
159 Consider how I love thy precepts:
Quicken me, O LORD, *according to thy loving kindness.*
160 Thy word is true from the beginning:
And every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

SCHIN.

161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause:
But my heart standeth in awe of thy word.
162 I rejoice at thy word,
As one that findeth great spoil.
163 I hate and abhor lying:
But thy law do I love.
164 Seven times a day do I praise thee,
Because of thy righteous judgments.
165 Great peace have they which love thy law:
And nothing shall offend them.
166 LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation,
And done thy commandments.
167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies;
And I love them exceedingly.

168 I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies:
For all my ways are before thee.

TAU.

169 Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD:
Give me understanding according to thy word.
170 Let my supplication come before thee:
Deliver me according to thy word.
171 My lips shall utter praise,
When thou hast taught me thy statutes.
172 My tongue shall speak of thy word:
For all thy commandments are righteousness.
173 Let thine hand help me;
For I have chosen thy precepts.
174 I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD
And thy law is my delight.
175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee;
And let thy judgments help me.
176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep:
Seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

PSALM CXX.

IN my distress I cried unto the LORD,
And he heard me.
2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips,
And from a deceitful tongue.
3 What shall be given unto thee?
Or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?
4 Sharp arrows of the mighty,
With coals of juniper.

5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech,
That I dwell in the tents of Kedar!
6 My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.
7 *I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war.*

PSALM CXXI.

1 I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
From whence cometh my help.
2 My help cometh from the LORD,
Which made heaven and earth.
3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The LORD is thy keeper:
The LORD *is thy shade upon thy right hand.*
6 The sun shall not smite thee by day,
Nor the moon by night.
7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil:
He shall preserve thy soul.
8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in,
From this time forth, and even for evermore.

PSALM CXXII.

1 I WAS glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the LORD.
2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem,

3 *Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:*
4 Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
Unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.
5 For there are set thrones of judgment,
The thrones of the house of David.
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
They shall prosper that love thee.
7 Peace be within thy walls,
And prosperity within thy palaces.
8 For my brethren and companions' sakes,
I will now say, Peace be within thee.
9 Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek thy good.

PSALM CXXIII.

UNTO thee I lift up mine eyes,
O thou that dwellest in the heavens.
2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters,
And as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress;
So our eyes wait upon the LORD our God,
Until that he have mercy upon us.
3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us:
For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.
4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease,
And with the contempt of the proud.

PSALM CXXIV.

IF it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
Now may Israel say;
2 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
When men rose up against us:
3 Then they had swallowed us up quick,
When their wrath was kindled against us:
4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us,
The stream had gone over our soul:
5 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.
6 *Blessed be the* LORD, *who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.*
7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers:
The snare is broken, and we are escaped.
8 OUR HELP IS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.

PSALM CXXV.

THEY that trust in the LORD shall be as Mount Zion,
Which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.
2 As the mountains are round about Jerusalem,
So the LORD *is round about his people, from henceforth even for ever.*
3 For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous;
Lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

4 Do good, O LORD, unto those that be good,
And to them that are upright in their hearts.
5 As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways,
The LORD *shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity.*
BUT PEACE SHALL BE UPON ISRAEL.

PSALM CXXVI.

WHEN the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion,
We were like them that dream.
2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
And our tongue with singing:
Then said they among the heathen,
The LORD *hath done great things for them.*
3 The LORD hath done great things for us;
Whereof we are glad.
4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD,
As the streams in the south.
5 They that sow in tears
Shall reap in joy.
6 He that goeth forth and weepeth,
Bearing precious seed,
Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,
Bringing his sheaves with him.

PSALM CXXVII.

EXCEPT the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it:
Except the LORD *keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.*

2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late,
to eat the bread of sorrows:
For so he giveth his beloved sleep.

3 Lo, children are a heritage of the LORD:
And the fruit of the womb is his reward.

4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man;
So are children of the youth.

5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:
They shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

PSALM CXXVIII.

BLESSED is every one that feareth the LORD;
That walketh in his ways.

2 For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands:
Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee

3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house:
Thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed
That feareth the LORD.

5 The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion:
And thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children,
And peace upon Israel.

PSALM CXXIX.

MANY a time have they afflicted me from my youth,
May Israel now say:
2 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth:
Yet they have not prevailed against me.
3 The ploughers ploughed upon my back:
They made long their furrows.
4 The LORD is righteous:
He hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.
5 Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.
6 *Let them be as the grass upon the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up:*
7 Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand;
Nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.
8 Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of the LORD be upon you:
We bless you in the name of the LORD.

PSALM CXXX.

OUT of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD.
2 LORD, *hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.*
3 If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities,
O LORD, *who shall stand?*
4 But there is forgiveness with thee,
That thou mayest be feared.

5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait,
And in his word do I hope.
6 My soul waiteth for the LORD more than they that watch for the morning:
I say, more than they that watch for the morning.
7 Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy,
And with him is plenteous redemption.
8 AND HE SHALL REDEEM ISRAEL FROM ALL HIS INIQUITIES.

PSALM CXXXI.

LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty:
Neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.
2 Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother:
My soul is even as a weaned child.
3 LET ISRAEL HOPE IN THE LORD FROM HENCEFORTH AND FOR EVER.

PSALM CXXXII.

LORD, remember David,
And all his afflictions:
2 How he sware unto the LORD,
And vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob;
3 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house,
Nor go up into my bed;

4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes,
Or slumber to mine eyelids,
5 Until I find out a place for the LORD,
A habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.
6 Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah:
We found it in the fields of the wood.
7 We will go into his tabernacles:
We will worship at his footstool.
8 Arise, O LORD, into thy rest;
Thou, and the ark of thy strength.
9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness;
And let thy saints shout for joy.
10 For thy servant David's sake
Turn not away the face of thine anointed.
11 The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it;
Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.
12 If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimony that I shall teach them,
Their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.
13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion;
He hath desired it for his habitation.
14 This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell;
For I have desired it.
15 I will abundantly bless her provision:
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation:
And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
17 There will I make the horn of David to bud:
I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.
18 His enemies will I clothe with shame:
But upon himself shall his crown flourish.

Psalm CXXXIII.

BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity.
2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head,
that ran down upon the beard, even
Aaron's beard:
That went down to the skirts of his garments;
3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that
descended upon the mountains of Zion:
For there the LORD *commanded the blessing, even*
life for evermore.

Psalm CXXXIV.

BEHOLD, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of
the LORD,
Which by night stand in the house of the LORD
2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,
And bless the LORD.
3 The LORD, that made heaven and earth,
Bless thee out of Zion.

Psalm CXXXV.

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of
the LORD;
Praise him, O ye servants of the LORD.
2 Ye that stand in the house of the LORD,
In the courts of the house of our God,
3 Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good:
Sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.

4 For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself,
And Israel for his peculiar treasure.
5 For I know that the LORD is great,
And that our LORD *is above all gods.*
6 Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth,
In the seas, and all deep places.
7 He causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings for the rain:
He bringeth the wind out of his treasuries
8 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt,
Both of man and beast.
9 Who sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt,
Upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.
10 Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings;
11 *Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan:*
12 And gave their land for a heritage,
A heritage unto Israel his people.
13 Thy name, O LORD, endureth for ever;
And thy memorial, O LORD, *throughout all generations.*
14 For the LORD will judge his people,
And he will repent himself concerning his servants.
15 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.
16 They have mouths, but they speak not;
Eyes have they, but they see not;
17 They have ears, but they hear not;
Neither is there any breath in their mouths.

18 They that make them are like unto them:
So is every one that trusteth in them.
19 Bless the LORD, O house of Israel:
Bless the LORD, *O house of Aaron:*
20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi;
Ye that fear the LORD, *bless the* LORD.
21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion,
Which dwelleth at Jerusalem.
PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM CXXXVI.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for he is good:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
2 O give thanks unto the God of gods:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
3 O give thanks to the LORD of lords:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
4 To him who alone doeth great wonders:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
5 To him that by wisdom made the heavens:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
6 To him that stretched out the earth above the waters:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
7 To him that made great lights:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
8 The sun to rule by day:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
9 The moon and stars to rule by night:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
10 To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn:
For his mercy endureth for ever:

11 And brought out Israel from among them:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
13 To him which divided the Red Sea into parts:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
16 To him which led his people through the wilderness:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
17 To him which smote great kings:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
18 And slew famous kings:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
19 Sihon, king of the Amorites:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
20 And Og, the king of Bashan:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
21 And gave their land for a heritage:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
22 Even a heritage unto Israel his servant:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
23 Who remembered us in our low estate:
For his mercy endureth for ever:
24 And hath redeemed us from our enemies:
For his mercy endureth for ever.

25 Who giveth food to all flesh:
For his mercy endureth for ever.
26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven:
For his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM CXXXVII.

BY the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down,
Yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.
2 We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.
3 *For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song;*
And they that wasted us required of us mirth,
Saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.
4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song
In a strange land?
5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem,
Let my right hand forget her cunning.
6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth;
If I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.
7 Remember, O LORD, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem;
Who said, Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof.
8 O daughter of Baoylon, who art to be destroyed;
Happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.
9 Happy shall he be,
That taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.

PSALM CXXXVIII.

I WILL praise thee with my whole heart:
Before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

2 I will worship toward thy holy temple,
And praise thy name,
For thy loving kindness and for thy truth:
For thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

3 In the day when I cried thou answeredst me,
And strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD,
When they hear the words of thy mouth.

5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD:
For great is the glory of the LORD.

6 Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly:
But the proud he knoweth afar off.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me:
Thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8 The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever:
Forsake not the works of thine own hands.

PSALM CXXXIX.

O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.
2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising;
Thou understandest my thought afar off.
3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down,
And art acquainted with all my ways.
4 For there is not a word in my tongue,
But lo, O LORD, *thou knowest it altogether.*
5 Thou hast beset me behind and before,
And laid thine hand upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is high, I cannot attain unto it.
7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit?
Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there:
If I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.
9 If I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
10 Even there shall thy hand lead me,
And thy right hand shall hold me.
11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me;
Even the night shall be light about me.
12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day:
The darkness and the light are both alike to thee.
13 For thou hast possessed my reins:
Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:
Marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret,
And curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect;
And in thy book all my members were written,
Which in continuance were fashioned,
When as yet there was none of them.

17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand:
When I awake, I am still with thee.

19 Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God!
Depart from me, therefore, ye bloody men.

20 For they speak against thee wickedly,
And thine enemies take thy name in vain.

21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee?
And am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

22 I hate them with perfect hatred:
I count them mine enemies.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart:
Try me and know my thoughts:

24 And see if there be any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM CXL.

DELIVER me, O LORD, from the evil man:
Preserve me from the violent man;
2 Which imagine mischiefs in their heart;
Continually are they gathered together for war.
3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent;
Adders' poison is under their lips.
4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man;
Who have purposed to overthrow my goings.
5 The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords;
They have spread a net by the way side; they have set gins for me.
6 I said unto the LORD, Thou art my God:
Hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.
7 O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation,
Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.
8 Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked:
Further not his wicked device; lest they exalt themselves.
9 As for the head of those that compass me about,
Let the mischief of their own lips cover them.
10 Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire;
Into deep pits, that they rise not up again.
11 Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth:
Evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted,
And the right of the poor.
13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name:
The upright shall dwell in thy presence.

PSALM CXLI.

LORD, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me;
Give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.
2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense;
And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth;
Keep the door of my lips.
4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing,
To practise wicked works with men that work iniquity:
And let me not eat of their dainties.
5 *Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness;*
And let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head:
For yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities.
6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words:
For they are sweet.
7 Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth,
As when one cutteth and cleaveth wood upon the earth.

8 But mine eyes are unto thee, O GOD the Lord:
in thee is my trust;
Leave not my soul destitute.

9 Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me,
And the gins of the workers of iniquity.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
Whilst that I withal escape.

PSALM CXLII.

I CRIED unto the LORD with my voice;
With my voice unto the LORD *did I make my supplication.*

2 I poured out my complaint before him;
I shewed before him my trouble.

3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path.
In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

4 I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me:
Refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

5 I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my refuge,
And my portion in the land of the living.

6 Attend unto my cry;
For I am brought very low:
Deliver me from my persecutors;
For they are stronger than I.

7 Bring my soul out of prison,
That I may praise thy name:
The righteous shall compass me about;
For thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

PSALM CXLIII.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my supplications:
In thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.
2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant:
For in thy sight shall no man living be justified.
3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul;
He hath smitten my life down to the ground;
He hath made me to dwell in darkness,
As those that have been long dead.
4 Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me;
My heart within me is desolate.
5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works;
I muse on the work of thy hands.
6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee:
My soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land.
7 Hear me speedily, O LORD; my spirit faileth:
Hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.
8 Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning;
For in thee do I trust:
Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk;
For I lift up my soul unto thee.

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies:
I flee unto thee to hide me.
10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God:
Thy Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.
11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake:
For thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.
12 And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies,
And destroy all them that afflict my soul:
FOR I AM THY SERVANT.

PSALM CXLIV.

BLESSED be the LORD my strength,
Which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight.
2 My goodness, and my fortress;
My high tower, and my deliverer;
My shield, and he in whom I trust:
Who subdueth my people under me.
3 LORD, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him!
Or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!
4 Man is like to vanity:
His days are as a shadow that passeth away.
5 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down:
Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them:
Shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.
7 Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters,
From the hand of strange children;

8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity,
And their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God:
Upon a psaltery, and an instrument of ten strings, will I sing praises unto thee.
10 It is he that giveth salvation unto kings:
Who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.
11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity,
And their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:
12 That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth;
That our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace;
13 That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store;
That our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:
14 That our oxen may be strong to labor; that there be no breaking in, nor going out:
That there be no complaining in our streets.
15 Happy is that people, that is in such a case:
Yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD.

PSALM CXLV.

I WILL extol thee, my God, O king;
And I will bless thy name for ever and ever.
2 Every day will I bless thee;
And I will praise thy name for ever and ever

3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
And his greatness is unsearchable.
4 One generation shall praise thy works to another,
And shall declare thy mighty acts.
5 I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty,
And of thy wondrous works.
6 And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts:
And I will declare thy greatness:
7 They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness,
And shall sing of thy righteousness.
8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion;
Slow to anger, and of great mercy.
9 The LORD is good to all:
And his tender mercies are over all his works.
10 All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD;
And thy saints shall bless thee.
11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom,
And talk of thy power;
12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts,
And the glorious majesty of his kingdom.
13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.
14 The LORD upholdeth all that fall,
And raiseth up all those that be bowed down.
15 The eyes of all wait upon thee;
And thou givest them their meat in due season.
16 Thou openest thine hand,
And satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways,
And holy in all his works.
18 The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him,
To all that call upon him in truth.
19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him,
He also will hear their cry, and will save them.
20 The LORD preserveth all them that love him:
But all the wicked will he destroy.
21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD:
And let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

PSALM CXLVI.

PRAISE ye the LORD.
Praise the LORD, *O my soul.*
2 While I live will I praise the LORD:
I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.
3 Put not your trust in princes,
Nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.
4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth;
In that very day his thoughts perish.
5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help,
Whose hope is in the LORD *his God:*
6 Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is:
Which keepeth truth for ever.
7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed:
Which giveth food to the hungry.
The LORD looseth the prisoners:

8 *The* LORD *openeth the eyes of the blind:*
The LORD raiseth them that are bowed down:
The LORD *loveth the righteous:*
9 The LORD preserveth the strangers: he relieveth the fatherless and the widow;
But the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.
10 The LORD shall reign for ever,
Even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.
PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM CXLVII.

PRAISE ye the LORD: for it is good to sing praises unto our God;
For it is pleasant, and praise is comely.
2 The LORD doth build up Jerusalem:
He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel
3 He healeth the broken in heart
And bindeth up their wounds.
4 He telleth the number of the stars;
He calleth them all by their names.
5 Great is our LORD, and of great power:
His understanding is infinite.
6 The LORD lifteth up the meek:
He casteth the wicked down to the ground.
7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving;
Sing praise upon the harp unto our God.
8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth,
Who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.
9 He giveth to the beast his food,
And to the young ravens which cry.

10 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse:
He taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.
11 The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him,
In those that hope in his mercy.
12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem;
Praise thy God, O Zion.
13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates:
He hath blessed thy children within thee.
14 He maketh peace in thy borders,
And filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.
15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth:
His word runneth very swiftly.
16 He giveth snow like wool:
He scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.
17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels:
Who can stand before his cold?
18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them:
He causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.
19 He sheweth his word unto Jacob,
His statutes and his judgments unto Israel.
20 He hath not dealt so with any nation:
And as for his judgments, they have not known them.
PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM CXLVIII.

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens:
Praise him in the heights.
2 Praise ye him, all his angels:
Praise ye him, all his hosts.

3 Praise ye him, sun and moon:
Praise him, all ye stars of light.

4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens.
And ye waters that be above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD:
For he commanded, and they were created.

6 He hath also stablished them for ever and ever:
He hath made a decree which shall not pass.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth,
Ye dragons, and all deeps:

8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapor;
Stormy wind fulfilling his word:

9 Mountains, and all hills;
Fruitful trees, and all cedars:

10 Beasts, and all cattle;
Creeping things, and flying fowl:

11 Kings of the earth, and all people;
Princes, and all judges of the earth:

12 Both young men, and maidens:
Old men, and children:

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent;
His glory is above the earth and heaven.

14 He also exalteth the horn of his people,
The praise of all his saints;
Even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him.

PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM CXLIX.

PRAISE ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song,
And his praise in the congregation of saints.
2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
3 Let them praise his name in the dance:
Let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.
4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people:
He will beautify the meek with salvation.
5 Let the saints be joyful in glory:
Let them sing aloud upon their beds.
6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth,
And a two-edged sword in their hand;
7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen,
And punishments upon the people;
8 To bind their kings with chains,
And their nobles with fetters of iron;
9 To execute upon them the judgment written:
This honor have all his saints.
PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM CL.

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary:
Praise him in the firmament of his power.
2 Praise him for his mighty acts:
Praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet:
Praise him with the psaltery and harp.
4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance;
Praise him with stringed instruments and organs.
5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals:
Praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.
6 Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD.

PRAISE YE THE LORD.